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ASA GARDNER BENEDICT.

Among the number of those who, without any bluster, have during the past decade contributed much toward the rise and progress of Theta Delta Chi, perhaps none has accomplished more than the subject of this sketch.

Asa Gardner Benedict was born at Lysander, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1849. His early life spent on a farm was, like that of all farmer boys, uneventful. At the age of eighteen, having higher ambitions than could be gratified by tilling the soil, he entered Falley Seminary at Fulton. The two winters following he taught a district school. In the fall of 1868 he entered Hamilton College. During the winter he taught in Oneida Seminary returning to college in time to pass the regular class examinations. During the sophomore year he was called home by the death of a brother and lost considerable time. His position in college had hardly been recovered when the severe illness of his father, who suffered a paralytic stroke seemed to put an end to his college course. The first term of the Junior year was lost while acting as nurse to his father. His condition being then slightly improved he returned to college and completed his course, graduating in 1872 as sixth in a class of forty. Of his ancestors, one served in the Continental army and died in service in 1777; another served with distinction as major of the 4th N. Y. Continental Regiment. On this account Bro. Benedict was elected a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1891. After graduation he accepted the principalship of the Rome Free Academy

which was held with credit for seven years. His labors here resulted in bringing the school to a high degree of proficiency. In 1879 owing to a political quarrel in the board of education a new principal was selected without a word to Prof. Benedict, and in the face of the fact that the year had been one of the most successful during his entire career. For the year following this removal his time was given to private teaching with satisfactory financial results. Having experienced the difficulties in the way of any teacher who is subject to political boards it became his ambition to secure some independent school where merit alone should be the gauge of success. With this end in view he purchased "Houghton Female Seminary" located at Clinton, N.Y., July 1st, 1880, and at once took possession. Since that time it has been his home. We will refer to it more in detail later on. In 1877 Bro. Benedict married Miss Emma C. Wright a daughter of Prof. N. F. Wright of Cortland Normal School, who has indeed been a helpmate in all his years of toil in building a reputation for his school. Three lovely children grace their home, Florence born in 1878, Pauline in 1881 and Howard Wright in 1886, another son Murray was born in 1884 but died during the same year.

Very soon after entering college the fraternity received Bro. Benedict within its portals and during his course he was one of the workers. His interest did not lag after his graduation and his brotherly counsel was always sought with success. Since his permanent residence in Clinton he has always been the balance-wheel of the charge. He has retained a very close touch with the boys and always takes an active part in everything connected with their welfare. This contact made him an exceedingly desirable subject for the high honor which was tendered him by the last convention. He merited the distinction which now comes to him as a reward for the faithful zeal which he has always exhibited in the affairs of the fraternity. He has the opportunity now, as President of the Grand Lodge, to still further extend his usefulness and we predict for him a career which will become a pleasant chapter in the history of the fraternity. Bro. Benedict has not escaped the attention of the outside world. In 1874 he read an interesting

paper on "The Academy in a system of graded Schools" before the University of the State of New York. In 1875 he read a paper on "Written and Oral Examinations" before the State Teachers Association at Fredonia, N. Y., and another before the same body in Saratoga in 1891 on "Private Schools." Last summer he attended the famous Presbyterian assembly in Portland, Oregon. In 1890 he spent several months with his wife in England and Scotland. Bro. Benedict's life thus far may be safely pronounced a success. His record as a teacher and principal at Houghton is of itself sufficient to prove the fact that twelve years in a school means something of itself. He took a old run-down place with a declining school and today we see built up in its stead a substantial home-like structure surrounded by beautiful drives and lawns, and a prosperous school whose reputation extends far and wide. Houghton with its thirty acres is a villa in itself. The energy of its owner has kept adding from year to year all of the needed improvements until now the only thing left to do is to tear down and build greater to meet the growing wants of the rapidly increasing school. Everything about the place is cheerful and homelike. This is where his faithful wife has been able to make herself the Queen of the domain. As preceptress, matron, chaperone and mother to the scores of young ladies who are there to be educated she is doing her full duty. The editor has been entertained at this delightful place and speaks from personal observation. It is a safe and cultured home for any girl and we commend it to the thoughtful attention of any Theta Delt who has daughters to be educated. Investigate Houghton Seminary before you look elsewhere. Carry the brotherly feeling into your home life and send your cherished daughter to this lovely home and you can rest content that she will be well cared for in every way. In this way you will encourage a faithful worker and brother beside doing yourself a favor. In the midst of his work Bro. Benedict and his wife are always glad to receive and entertain any brother. If you want to have a real genuine good time drop off at Clinton and make him a visit.

CONVENTION POEM.

Read at the Banquet of the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention
at Young's Hotel, Nov. 17, 1892 by the author,
Rev. T. M. Hodgdon, West Hartford, Conn.

"And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark."
Samuel 20: 20.

"This wee bit heap o' leaves an' stibble
Has cost me mony a weary nibble."

O Friendship, name first lisped by prophets wise,
The bond of bliss for men below the skies,
The pledge of purest pleasures yet to be,
Angelic theme! we faintly sing of thee—
Of thee, whose myriad songs that find no tongue
Thrice sweeter are than ever sung!

In ages past there lived a man
Kingly in form, and by behest
Of heaven a king with prospect best.
"God save the king," the hosts began

With glad refrain—an orb of light
He rises: with the ascending noon
Is dashed with flecks of cloud: full soon
Is wrapped in raven robes of night.

Out from him comes a milder light,
Whose friendliness with insight rare
A ruddy stripling, passing fair,
Enswathed with safety and delight.

The story this: Your ears you'll lend—
Oppressed by foes, the warrior king
Deliverance found by David's sling.
The slinger's meed, a foe; a friend.

Revenge and hate, like birds of prey
With noisome swoop, Saul's ample heart
Transfix. Mad from the deafening smart,
He boldly plans without delay

To quench his rival's spark of life.
His princely son the youth befriends,
And timely aid and comfort lends,
In this ungrateful, heartless strife.

With David's soul is firmly knit
The soul of Jonathan. The two
Henceforth are one in heart to do
Each other good. The faue, thus lit

By love with sacrifice of self,
 Didst blaze, till each the other loved
 As his own self. The prince was moved
 His royal robe, resplendent pelf!—

His girdle, bow and sword to give
 His friend. If aught beside his heart
 Desired, e'en this he would impart,
 Such was the joy in him to live,

With growing days the wrath of Saul
 Full oft did burst; but Jonathan
 Was David's shield, and foiled each plan
 To do him harm by vent'ring all,

He shot away with arrows three,
 His princely rights: feathered each dart
 With choicest bits of his own heart
 His friend to save, the king to be,

Arrows wear we upon the mystic shield
 Of Theta Delta Chi: Tho' far afield
 Sworn friends are we, and each the others wear
 The shining mark we seek. But to be leal
 To such supernal goal with spangled sheen
 May cost the regal robe of self-esteem,
 The gleaming sword of power and prospect fair—
 Yea, all that man's short sight counts rare!
 But these may go, esteemed as gilded gauds,
 With friendship's claims compared. Let these be lords
 Of other men, but Theta Deltas are we!
 Noblesse oblige! brave, loyal men, and free
 To do the right. Hail, Theta Delta Chi,
 Thou fairest star in all the gemlit sky!
 With such a royal creed—by nothing more—
 We grow to something greater than before.
 Then 'gainst the Sauls of wrong and lustful power,
 That o'er your fellow men so grimly lower,
 Let Theta Deltas anew join hands
 To-night. Let hearts be knit with deathless bands
 Of friendship for each other and the truth,
 Until the peerless Friend of man, in sooth
 Shall speed to full fruition that fair plan
 Of which men dream—the brotherhood of man.

THE CONVENTION.

The Forty-sixth Annual Convention met in the parlors of Young's Hotel in Boston Nov. 16th, 1892, and was called to order at 10:45 A. M. by President Clay W. Holmes. After the usual opening ceremonies, the following Committee on Credentials was appointed: E. M. Wilson, *B*; W. L. Rogers, *A*; and J. B. Groce, *K*. The general order of business of the last convention was adopted. Brief addresses were made by Bros. Perry, *Z*, '67; Lewis, *I*, '85; Wenzell, *A*, '91; Seth P. Smith, *O*^a, '82, and F. R. Shapleigh, *O*^a, *J*, '88. Letters were read by the secretary from the two surviving founders, Bros. Beach and Green. The convention then listened to the reading of the

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

As age adds to our experience we are impressed with its teachings. Father time has added another cycle to his wreath, and we are here to-day to compare the forty-sixth tablet of our existence with what has gone before, and to benefit by the lessons taught. The year has been fraught with changes. New stars have been added to our constellation, and one of those which for a time glimmered has gone out. As a whole the year has been one which we may well congratulate ourselves upon, if the development of our new born charges shall bring all that is hoped for.

At the opening of the year our fraternity comprised twenty active charges, nineteen of which were in flourishing condition. To-day we have here represented twenty-two charges, covering a territory never before included. As a description of the year's work in detail will unfold all the changes, a general history is superfluous.

The Grand Lodge elected by the last convention found upon examining the situation that the convention had so effectually performed its work that little was left for them except to take up the regular line of work and continue the policy adopted by their predecessors. The finances were in good condition, a balance of \$176.52 being in the treasury with no debts outstanding. At its first meeting the Grand Lodge decided to make the same assessment upon active members as in previous years, believing that the same was not burdensome. This action has enabled them to create a fund which may be of service later on. It must not be forgotten that the regular annual expenses of the Grand Lodge are greater than the total amount assessed. The president declined to draw from the treasury the amount of his expenses last year, which aggregated an amount in excess of the total balance on hand. The same

course has been adopted this year, and to this fact we are indebted for the handsome balance which the treasurer is able to report.

The records of the last convention were printed in pamphlet form, embracing all the work in detail, and distributed more extensively than usual. The president is responsible for this move, and it met with such hearty approval at the hands of the graduates that the same course is advised for this year, with a still more extended distribution, which it is believed will result in awakening greater interest on the part of the graduates. To this end our first recommendation is that the full minutes of this convention be printed and sent to every graduate subscriber to the SHIELD and as many others as may be deemed advisable in the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Believing that to insure a perfect record of our proceedings a stenographer has become a necessity, we have employed Brother Van Iderstine to make a complete report of this convention. Should the result prove the wisdom of this action, we are of the opinion that it should be done at each succeeding convention.

It is with much satisfaction that your president is able to report a greater number of official visits than have been made for many years past. The result has been a closer touch with the fraternity at large, and a clearer insight into the workings of each individual charge. The good moral condition of the fraternity is a source of much satisfaction to the Grand Lodge, and contributes more largely to her social standing in the world at large than any of you realize. We have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the estimation in which we are held by the Greek world, college fraternities, and the general community. Satisfactory as this condition is, there is yet room for improvement, and it should be the policy of the incoming Grand Lodge to endeavor to press this point home more closely upon each individual charge.

In looking over the field in search of more worlds to conquer, little opportunity is presented for desirable extension. The re-establishment of the Alpha has long been deemed advisable by many of the old graduates, and we concur in this opinion. A general desire has been expressed by a large proportion of our graduates residing in Illinois, Michigan and contiguous states, that a charge should be established in the University of Chicago. If such a move is deemed advisable, it should be followed up at once, so that the field may be early occupied. We recommend definite action upon both questions by this Convention. Should the Convention instruct its Grand Lodge to proceed, intelligent action can be taken at an early day.

It is probable that certain persons who have been expelled during the year will appeal to this Convention for a hearing. Let us remind you of the extended discussion upon this question indulged in by the forty-fourth Convention, and recommend very careful examination of all the facts. Our attention has been called to a peculiar case, where a brother

without denying the justice of an expulsion dating back a number of years, now craves clemency at the hands of this Convention. The entire correspondence will be presented, and should receive your most thoughtful consideration. Manhood will assert itself sooner or later. That the applicant for our consideration possesses the true manhood in no uncertain quantity is proven by the tenor of his letter in which he appeals for restoration.

Doubtless you are all aware of the move now being made by certain fraternities toward a fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair next year, and a Fraternity Congress. Considerable correspondence relating to these subjects will be presented to you for consideration and definite action. In this connection it would be well to consider whether it might not be desirable to have some sort of a gathering in Chicago during the summer for the purpose of extending our acquaintance with those who wear the shield.

During the year the President felt called upon to issue a letter to the charges upon the subject of charge letters. Some corresponding secretaries were issuing manifold letters, poorly executed. Not only this, but also because the same letter was sent to all the charges. Neatness of execution is the first great point of letter writing. No manifold system will produce a letter of superior appearance. The Grand Lodge had for a long time been accustomed to use this method of communication, and were rebuked by the appearance of charge letters which were perhaps quite as presentable as some of the documents emanating from the Grand Lodge. As a result, the cyclo-style has been abandoned. For a time manifold copies were made on the type-writer, but this became burdensome, therefore resort was had to the printer, and we leave the appearance of recent consolidated reports and letters to speak for themselves. We presume the Convention will sanction the slight expense incurred in turning out perfect blanks. Considering the merits of the case, it does not seem that the spirit of the constitution is obeyed when a stock letter is sent by a corresponding secretary to all the other charges. These letters should partake more of the nature of personal communications. When you write to Beta, if football is a leading topic at Cornell, and your institution has a football team, there is a subject in common between you. When writing to Zeta some other subject may present itself, and so on. A distinct letter to each charge imposes a task upon the secretary, it is true, but there is as much opportunity for improvement here as in any subject of study in college. Good letter writers are very rare, and all the practice the corresponding secretary gets in writing different letters to the various charges is no small contribution to his education on this very important detail of business and professional life. The brother who is a candidate for the position of Secretary of the Grand Lodge this year, possesses the true genius, and can write a letter the subject-matter and execution of which any man might be proud of. If he is elected,

the corresponding secretaries of the charges will have a competent instructor, whose counsel should be heeded.

The necessity of being able to define clearly the words "graduate member" has arisen several times during the year. The word graduate is found in several places in the constitution, and renders every section in which it occurs extremely vague, except there be a definite conception of the meaning of the word. It has been customary to regard any member a graduate as soon as he leaves college. We are inclined to question the wisdom of such a course. Many anomalous cases arise in which a member might be to-day an active member, to-morrow a graduate, and the next day an active member again. It seems proper to consider the term in its college sense, and the following, after careful thought, appears a fair solution of the question. To illustrate, a man enters college in 1892 as a member of the class of 1896. He joins the fraternity, and is an active member. In 1893 by reason of illness or some other cause he fails to return to college. If he never returns he is not a graduate of the college. In what light shall we consider him? Our idea is that if we look upon him as an absent active member until the date on which he would have graduated had he remained in college, we have made a definite and plain disposition of all doubt in the matter. With this idea as a basis of argument the question is left with the Convention. It should be taken up, discussed, and decided so that the Grand Lodge may have a precedent for their guidance in future decisions.

Whenever a new charge is established the Grand Lodge are asked for suggestions in regard to by-laws. The idea suggested itself that it would not be amiss to have a uniform set of by-laws in all charges, covering the general points, varied only in such points as refer directly to each charge. The President requested from each of the charges a copy of their by-laws, and after as careful scrutiny as time would permit, a general set of by-laws was compiled, which has been given to the recent charges. This general form will be submitted with the by-laws of the various charges to a committee who can report to the Convention for their adoption such changes as seem best suited to all the charges. Uniformity in all that pertains to its charge government is extremely desirable except in minor essentials, which each charge can best regulate for itself. When a satisfactory set of by-laws shall have been adopted, we would recommend that all the charges adopt them in place of those now in use, retaining such special features now existing in their by-laws as may be deemed necessary. Whenever any new charge shall be established, the by-laws will be a guide to them in their organization which will bring them into line with the existing charges, and tend to promote a uniform system of government.

The year has witnessed numerous additions to the silent Omega. Old and young alike have received the summons. An unusual number of the active members have been taken from us. Those who were present at

the last Convention and met Brother DeWolfe, who so ably represented the Iota Deuteron charge, will remember him as a man who appeared to have many years of usefulness before him. In the midst of our deep sorrow we rejoice that he was so well fitted to represent us worthily in the higher courts. We bow our heads in silent grief as we look at the long list of beloved brothers who will never more greet us here. Let us resolve that we will endeavor so to shape our course here that when our time shall come, we may be prepared to become worthy members of the Omega charge.

We bespeak for this Convention harmonious action in regard to all questions, and in the midst of our deliberations let us improve the opportunity of weaving closer the bond of brotherly love which will add not only wisdom but happiness to the years which may yet be ours to dwell together.

At the conclusion of the address the President resumed the chair.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates as possessing the requisite authority to act :

Beta—Duncan C. Lee, E. M. Wilson, F. L. Connard.

Gamma Deuteron—Lawrence T. Cole.

Delta—J. C. Hallock, T. D. Ringwood, C. Yznaga.

Epsilon Deuteron—L. C. DuBois, F. E. Stow, A. L. Van Huyck.

Zeta—C. B. Perry, F. P. Ladd, H. F. Hill.

Eta—F. K. Linscott, C. H. Howard, F. W. Pickard.

Iota—W. H. Wiggin, A. P. Stone, C. H. Beckwith.

Iota Deuteron—C. W. Collin, L. P. Armstrong, C. P. Pressey.

Kappa—S. W. Mendum, J. B. Groce, A. P. Thompson.

Lambda—H. J. Bickford, J. G. Wyman, W. L. Rogers.

Mu Deuteron—F. L. Palmer, G. H. Fisher, C. O. Seymour.

Nu Deuteron—F. A. Merrick, C. W. Gearhart, L. A. Kendall.

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The Secretary read the report of the Grand Lodge officers, which, with the President's address, was referred to the following committee : S. W. Mendum, F. W. Pickard and C. B. Perry.

The chair announced the following regular committees :

On Minutes of the last Convention—L. C. DuBois, W. H. McIntyre, J. G. Wyman.

On Audit—R. S. Bartlett, R. G. Dillenback, T. D. Ringwood.

At the afternoon session the Committee on Grand Lodge reports made a partial report which brought out a great deal of discussion and involved several subjects.

A committee consisting of Bros. Wilson, Lee and Albertson were appointed to consider the application of William Ray Wicker for restoration.

The Shield report was read and referred to committee consisting of F. L. Palmer, C. W. Gearhart and C. H. Howard.

The reports of charges were made by the delegates in order.

The report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention was read.

In the evening the delegates and visiting brothers accepted the invitation of the Iota charge to visit them in their new home at Cambridge. A delightful evening was greatly enjoyed by all. An informal musical programme was rendered, after which a light lunch was served and the evening was gone, no one knew where, so pleasantly had passed its fleeting moments.

On Thursday morning the committee on the restoration of W. R. Wicker made a favorable report and offered the following :

Resolved, That William Ray Wicker be hereby reinstated to full membership.

Unanimously adopted by rising vote.

A committee consisting of L. C. DuBois, C. F. Pressey and

T. H. Bachman was appointed to consider the application of Cromwell Gibbons, of Epsilon Deuteron, for reinstatement.

The Shield committee rendered their report and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That advertisements be inserted in THE SHIELD and that it shall not be authorized to club with with other magazines."

The same was carried.

James R. Mellon, Psi '65, made a few remarks.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Reports rendered their full report. The rulings of the Grand Lodge were approved.

The Auditing Committee reported that they found the Treasurer's accounts correct and satisfactory in every particular.

The president introduced the order for the election of officers with the following remarks.

"The next order of business is the election of officers, and before presenting this order I have a word to say.

I think some of the brothers here present will vouch for the statement that during the past two years, in the occupancy of the position of President of this Fraternity, it has been the effort and aim of the speaker to give it all due time and attention, without any regard to his own business calling. In addition to that, I think I can prove by brothers present that I have, to the injury of my own health and against the wishes of my family, done for this fraternity what I would not do for myself. This being the case, and at the present time being in a condition which forbids my working, I came to this convention fully prepared to state that under no circumstances could I be a candidate for re-election. It is with no desire to do anything which might detract from the best interests of the Fraternity if it should seem wise in the minds of the delegates of this convention to have a continuance of the same policy, but as an absolute necessity, impelled by my business duties at home and my present health. I will not speak further on the question. It is a sincere request which I extend that I shall not at this time be considered a candidate for any further honors at the hands of the fraternity. The order is before you."

MR. PERRY.—May I ask as a question of privilege the offering of a resolution which is apropos at this time?

THE CHAIR.—If it pertains to nominations.

By MR. PERRY :—

Resolved, that in accepting brother Holmes' request that he be not re-nominated, this Convention desires to place on record its appreciation of

the zeal, the high business ability, the earnest and honest efforts that he has ever shown as President of the Grand Lodge, and to express our deep and sincere sympathy with him in the causes that led to this request.

I would merely like to say that perhaps I can more thoroughly appreciate the labor that brother Holmes has done than other members of this fraternity, from the very fact of my own experience. I knew even in that day what it meant. I know that in this day when the fraternity has been brought to its present condition, there is a great additional work brought to the Grand Lodge by the very zeal which has been infused into it. I know what it means to keep this condition. I don't wonder that it affected brother Holmes' health. I feel that we are all agreed that brother Holmes' name will, as long as this fraternity lasts, be synonymous for zeal and earnestness, and the marks he has left on the fraternity by the good works he has done will always remain. I know I am only speaking the sentiment of the whole fraternity. (Applause.)

MR. BICKFORD.—I have risen a great many times during the sessions of this convention to second motions. I tell you frankly that I have had less pleasure in any one that I have seconded than in this one to-day. The fact that brother Holmes has done so much for the fraternity is without dispute. The standing of the fraternity was never what it is to-day. The fact that the Grand Lodge is constantly receiving applications from the best colleges and the best men in those colleges, for charters, shows the standing of the fraternity in the college world. I remember only five years back committees being appointed by conventions to investigate the condition of various colleges and see whether it was advisable to go to work to establish charges. To-day we have those applications and we simply consider whether we shall accept them or not. This is an indication of the standing of the fraternity in the college world, and it is with the greatest pleasure I second these resolutions. (Applause.)

The resolutions were carried unanimously, with much applause.

An informal ballot for President resulted as follows: Smith 1, McIntyre 7, Holmes 3, Benedict 40. The ballot was made formal and A. G. Benedict declared unanimously elected. A committee consisting of Bros. Lee, Connard and Wilson introduced Bro. Benedict to the Convention and he accepted the election with the following remarks:

MR. BENEDICT.—Brothers, I thank you heartily for the great honor you have conferred upon me. It is entirely unsolicited, and I know with this honor go great responsibilities, which our brother Holmes has met with such great fidelity in the past. And I know, also, that to meet the responsibility there must be sacrifice. That, I know, has been given in

the past and I know it is necessary in the future. But, in order to bring the divinity of friendship to common life, to common living, to the raising the ideals in our social life, I take it to be the work of the fraternity, not only for the next year but for all years. Thanking you, then, I will accept the trust and will endeavor to fulfill it.

Informal ballot for Secretary resulted as follows: Vansant 1, Ehlers 1, Parker 1, Van Iderstine 4, Kimball 8, Wilson 31. The ballot was made formal and Emory M. Wilson declared elected.

The first informal ballot for Treasurer resulted as follows: Kosmak 13, Seymour 15, Vansant 19. Necessary to elect 24.

The second: Kosmak, 7; Seymour, 18; Vansant, 22.

The name of Bro. Kosmak was withdrawn.

The third; Seymour, 15; Vansant, 28.

Bro. Vansant was declared elected.

A committee consisting of Bros. McIntyre, Hallock and Connard were appointed to consider the correspondence relating to an exhibit at the Columbian Exposition.

The final report of the Catalogue Committee was read, showing receipts \$1,463.50; expenditures \$2,163.00, leaving a deficit of \$689.30. Subscriptions amounting to \$233.50 yet unpaid, if received will reduce this deficit to \$456.00. This sum had been paid by the compiler and the shortage falls on him, as a reward for the labor incident to publishing the book.

At the afternoon session the committee on the case of Cromwell Gibbons moved to refer the matter to the incoming Grand Lodge for investigation and report to the next Convention. It was carried.

The Committee on the Columbian Exhibit offered the following report:

To the Forty-sixth Annual Convention:

Your committee appointed to report on the fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair in 1893, after examining the question, fail to see what benefit or advantage could result to our fraternity from the participation in the above movement.

We therefore recommend that this fraternity decline to enter this fraternity exhibit.

We further recommend that the incoming Grand Lodge be empowered to appoint a committee of as many as it shall think necessary, to look

after the interests of Theta Delta Chi during the coming exposition, that the members of this committee be appointed entirely from members in Chicago and its vicinity.

Amendment offered by Bro. Seth P. Smith :

If it be with the sanction of the incoming Grand Lodge that we have representation, we do so.

Report as amended was adopted after a lengthy discussion.

This leaves the matter in such shape that the Grand Lodge has power to decide the question according to their views and the exigencies of the case. The general sentiment, however, was against an exhibit.

A resolution was offered that the Grand Lodge consider the propriety of holding the next Convention in Chicago. After a lengthy discussion it was laid on the table.

Installation of officers being in order a committee consisting of Bros, Smith and Morris escorted the President-elect to the chair.

The retiring President addressed him as follows :

Brother Benedict, in resigning to you the gavel and therewith the position of President of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, I cannot proceed with any ritual because the constitution provides none, believing that the honor and reputation of the fraternity is a sufficient protection to their interests at the hands of their executive officer. I therefore, on behalf of this Convention, with the greatest pleasure and much pride, resign to you that which to me has been a very dear and faithful trust ; and I hope that so long as you may hold the gavel, it may be to you the same and even a dearer trust than it has been to the speaker. Wishing you the greatest success, and assuring you of the co-operation of every member of this fraternity, I take great pleasure in resigning the position to you. (Applause.)

The President responded :

In assuming the duties of this position I know that there are very many pleasures before me in presiding over the deliberations of such a body of gentlemen as I see before me. I cannot outline a policy, for that is outlined in your own hearts at present. But we will go forward in equal step, hand in hand, to do the work which has been laid out for our fraternity for more than a quarter of a century. I have no speech to make to you. I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. I will endeavor, according to my best ability, to meet all the responsibilities of this office.

After the other officers had been installed in the usual way, no other business appearing the Convention was adjourned *sine die*, and closed in regular form.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET.

The banquet closing the Forty-sixth Annual Convention was held in the banquet hall of Young's Hotel on the evening of November 17th, at eight o'clock. It will go down to history famous in more particulars than one. It was the largest banquet ever held by the fraternity. One hundred and seventeen covers were laid. Of the spread itself little need be said except that like all other banquets held at Young's famous hostelry it was all that could be asked for. The only things lacking were Bro. Kimball's cigarettes and Bro. Bachman's "clapboard raisins." Indeed the cigarettes were not altogether absent, as the Grand Lodge went out and procured some of "Kimball's Satins."

After everyone was filled with good things the following exercises took place.

THE PRESIDENT.—We all have enjoyed the evening thus far, and part of the enjoyment has been the anticipation of what is to follow. We are going to keep our Toastmaster in pickle for a little while. The first to whom we will give our attention will be our Poet, brother Hodgdon.

REV. THOS. M. HODGDON.—The poet of last year gave us some thoughts about the Shield, and this evening I wish, in a way, to explain the meaning of the arrows. We have two arrows on our Shield and to my mind they signify friendship, and as far as my knowledge of literature goes, I find one of the best illustrations of friendship in the word of God, in the acts of Jonathan and David. I think if they were living to-day they would be Theta Deltas. (Applause). I introduce my own struggles in regard to this poem by a couplet from Burns.

The poem is published on another page.

THE PRESIDENT.—I have now the honor and the pleasure

to introduce our brother, President E. H. Capen of Tufts College.

Bro. Capen spoke as follows :

This is a most delightful scene. There is nothing that gives me so much inspiration and pleasure as to meet young men and to feel myself young. But since I came in here to-night I begin to think that I am a sort of a back number, when I look at the young men in this company whose fathers and mothers I united in marriage. (Laughter.) Being a pretty strong republican (cheers), we have been a good deal down cast for the last week, (laughter), but my spirits rise as I look into the faces of so many young men, college men, and Theta Delta Chi's. I think that whatever may be the condition of the country at the present time its future is safe. (Laughter and Applause). Some of the young men may get side-tracked like my friend Mendum here, (laughter), but the most of them are solid. (Laughter.)

Now an occasion like this is a good time to enjoy a little vain glory. We live in a democracy and all men are equal. There is just one set in this world, here in America, that is exclusive. We have one aristocracy. I never was as strongly impressed with it as I was the other evening when I had the honor to be a guest of the University Club which has just been established here in Boston. There was a company of 1500 men, the elect of the city, and all of them college men. There may be scores within a stone's throw of the building who had millions at their command, but no wealth, no social position, no prestige, no inheritance of the past could buy for one of them the privilege of a membership in that fraternity of college men. (Applause.)

Well, if that is true of all those who have passed through the colleges and universities of the country, it is still more true of those who are united by this closer bond which binds us together. And for the time being, in a nobler sense than the Declaration of Independence, we are equal and we meet here to-night Theta Delta Chi's around this table, at this festive board, all as brethren, and we are all young together, each one of us a young man. Some of us here can count ten, twenty, thirty, going on forty years since we were undergraduates in college, but for the time being, we feel that we are again young. And this life blood of these friendships and these associations, of these suggestions that come from our mystic ties, courses in our veins and gives us new life and a new power.

You are here for social pleasures to-night, and you have been engaged in the business of your convention in doing that kind of work which is demanded to keep it in order and keep it strong and put it on a firm footing in all your colleges; and now, for one evening, you come together that you may have a good social time and that is a great deal better than to listen to homilies or suggestions of any sort. My good friend, brother Smith, seconded brother Holmes' invitation that I should be the orator

on this occasion, and I declined, and you all say that I am a good fellow for having done so. I said that I would try to be here, but I had almost forgotten the occasion, though I had missed some of the boys from my recitation this morning, (Laughter), and I am afraid now they will not be ready for a written review I am going to give them to-morrow morning. (Laughter). I had almost forgotten it, when my friend Mendum laid violent hands on me.

It is a great gratification to me to see not only those of my own college, but to see so many representatives of this fraternity from the different chapters in the different colleges of the country; and I tell you, I can't express how much I feel at the growth and prosperity of this fraternity, which, when I joined it, was in its infancy. (Applause). It has been spreading its influence in the colleges, and how its influence has taken root in the country, as those who have felt its inspiration have gone forth to take their responsible places among men of letters, and to do the wide work which belongs to professional life. That was the dream I had before me when I was a student as you are. I hoped that the time would come when our fraternity would not need any apologies in any assembly, when it would not need that anybody should explain what is that society. Now we only have to mention in any company of educated men, in any part of our land, those three letters "G A X" to have the image of this great fraternity rise in the minds of those that hear them. (Applause). It must be, that the fact that it has that influence, that it exercises that power, is due in a great measure, to those inspirations which come to the young men in the colleges during their undergraduate career, while they are members of the fraternity. I think that if you should look over the country, and take those men who have reached positions of distinction, those who are recognized forces in the world of intellect around us, those who are members of the fraternity, if you would ask them what are the influences which have helped to shape their character and especially to fit them for the work which they are now doing, as educated men, they would not hesitate to ascribe a considerable share, and many of them a very large portion, to the influences of the society which we honor to-night. (Applause.)

Now, I might make that the basis of an exhortation to the young men who are in the undergraduate chapters now to be faithful to the traditions of the past, but I am sure that such exhortations are not needed. I am glad wherever I go in the colleges of this country, to meet men who are members of this fraternity, to see that they are honored in their colleges, and that they are taking a stand, a manly stand, among their fellows and doing something for the honor of their fraternity and using the fraternity as a means of impressing their own power and leading them forward to a triumphant life.

But I am making a speech, Mr. President, (Laughter), and I said I would not do that. But I desire to express my great gratification for

being present and to thank you for the opportunity of being here. (Applause and Cheering.)

THE PRESIDENT.—I have the honor and pleasure of introducing to you our Toastmaster, the Hon. Seth P. Smith, for four years the President of the New England Association of our fraternity, who has bottled up here an immense amount of wit and wisdom which he is going to unload to you. (Applause and Cheering.)

THE TOASTMASTER.—Mr. President and brethren. My soul delights itself in the effusion of your fraternal greeting. (Laughter). Like our distinguished friend here on the right, I have felt that this country was a bad place for the Republicans to dwell in. Since Tuesday, November eighth I have been weeping with those that weep, and to-night I am glad of the opportunity of rejoicing with those that rejoice. (Laughter and applause). But it seems that we are ever destined to have a little bitter with the sweet, and my joy to-night hasn't been without alloy, for the autograph collector has been both on my right hand and on my left. (Laughter). Whichever way I turned, the villain still pursued me, (Laughter) and I felt a good deal as old Dr. John Lord felt when he was being examined by a distinguished company of divines, whether he should be permitted to preach or not. And one of the questions they asked him was this. They asked him whether he was willing to be damned for the glory of God. "No, sir," he said, "I should rather utilize." (Laughter). That is about the way I felt to-night.

Brethren, ten years ago it was my high privilege to stand in this same room on a similar occasion and to act in a similar capacity. During the decade just passed, the political party to which I pledged my youth and whose principles I still cherish and believe in, (Applause), has taken one quadrennial vacation (Laughter) and I feel sorry to say, is about ready to hand over the reins of government to our Democratic friends for another four years. (Applause). Unlike the Republican party, the Theta Delta Chi fraternity has suffered no lapses. Without reverses, its course has ever been onward and upward for everything that makes a high toned, conservative,

progressive, ideal college fraternity. Brethren, the disappearance of the the tempting viands which so recently ornamented these tables furnishes a very striking illustration of everything and everybody that has opposed the onward and upward march of Theta Delta Chi during the ten years that has just passed. (Laughter.)

Dogberry, you know, says that comparisons are odious, but this celebration is an exception, for it is to the graduate, of all past occasions the finest, and the crowning glory of this that this reunion is represented by more charges and all the charges are better represented than at any time in the previous history of this fraternity. (Applause.) As I look out upon this magnificent assemblage of Theta Delts, the largest that has ever been present together in any time in our previous history, and as I realize how much greater is the prestige of Theta Delta Chi and how much more strong is the tie which binds us to fraternal love, I feel like my friend, President Capen, filled with a deeper love and a deeper pride than I ever felt before for my fraternity.

But I see you are beginning to look anxious, wondering when I will end, so I will say to you without further prelude that after the singing of a song I shall serve up to you a very rare literary feast, rare because I am not the furnisher.

After singing song Number 10 the toast-master continued: It is a familiar adage that children should be seen and not heard and if they are to be heard; they must be heard very early and sent to bed, and for that reason I have for the first toast of the evening "Our Suckling." "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings"; that you may know what is the strength of our suckling, I shall call T. T. (whether that is for tete-a-tete I don't know) T. T. Swinburne, who will respond for the toast, "Our Suckling, Chi."

Bro. Swinburne said:

This is the first Convention of Theta Delta Chi I have ever attended; in fact this is the first Convention of any kind I have attended as a delegate. The fellows in other fraternities, before I came, told me something about the enthusiasm I should probably find here. My expectations in this regard have certainly been realized.

Before coming here a friend of mine, a member of the picturesque

society, the Society of Red Men, showed me a notice he said he would put in the papers. It read something like this: "Chief Wardenburg, otherwise known as Swinburne, has gone to the Convention of Theta Delta Chi. When he returns we expect much time, big talk and song." When I get back to Rochester I certainly shall do a great deal of talking in the charge at Chi.

I think these annual conventions may be compared to the great furnace of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, where we all come to rekindle our enthusiasm and fraternity love. I even feel a sustaining influence in the air, that relieves me, in part, of my embarrassment. I presume it is this fraternal regard. (Applause.)

THE TOAST-MASTER.—Brethren, we are told that we live in an age when the pen is mightier than the sword, when the nations of the earth are turning their swords into plough-shares and their spears into pruning-hooks. The pen of Theta Delta Chi is wielded in the hands of Brother Marc Cook's sacred memory; of Brother Clay W. Holmes of the *Elmira Advertiser* and especially of the *Theta Delta Chi Shield*; [Applause and cheering] John Hay, [applause]; William Stone; Upton, of the *Chicago Tribune*; Miller, editor-in-chief of the *New York Times*; Perrine, the editor of the *Hartford Times*; Burgin, of the *New York World*; Morris, of the *Richmond Wing*; Cunningham, of the *Utica Herald*; Powers, of the *Springfield Republican*; our own staff of the *Boston Journal*, and a host of others who have done noble work. And I introduce to you, not last by any means, Brother John Lucas, presiding genius of the *Boston Advertiser*, who will respond to the toast "The Press to Date."

Bro. Lucas said:

I feel very small indeed. I am not accustomed to speak, so trust you will excuse me if I look to my notes.

I see that the toast is put down as "The Press to Date." The reporter is the spirit and the force and the victim of his paper. A whole army of editors could not get out the successful modern paper without the hustling ability of the reporter. The reporter is the hustler. He has push. Some of them have a pull. [Laughter.] He can discuss theology or a dog fight, one as well as the other. If the case demanded, he could rush into the pulpit and address the congregation and move them to tears and in the next hour be down in the lowest dens of the city nosing round for a sensation. That is not their business; Dr. Parkhurst will do that.

The reporter sometimes sleeps; but when he does it is with note-book and pencil in one hand, and the other hand gripping tightly the collar

of his night-shirt, ready to draw it off in a moment to answer the call of his paper. He must also be careful to have one ear ready to catch the call of the bell in his house, and be careful he lies on that side of the bed which is nearest the bell.

The reporter never has a cent, unless it is a new *scent*, except on payday, when he has both. The reporter must be liberal. He must be ready to buy the politician bad cigars, to get a tip on the inside workings of the political ring. That reminds me, sometimes I go to that temple of worship of Brother Smith's in the city hall, and one day I found him, and I saw a very tall individual whom I had seen before. I want to say right now, if you have ever noticed, in the front of the city hall are two statues, one of Benjamin Franklin and the other of John Quincy Adams. I asked Brother Smith who this tall individual was, and he said, with considerable disgust, "That is the grandson of that damn statue out there." [Laughter and applause.]

The peculiar effect of a man's going into newspaper work is to say that he wants to be a journalist. I was disappointed the first time I was on the paper. The first impression I made was that the editor wanted me to go up and down Washington street and inquire whether there was to be a wedding or birth in the family. Of course that was discouraging, but what was to be done? [Laughter.] I remember not long ago a somewhat young man on the *Record*, not myself, who scooped the town by announcing two weeks before the birth that Governor Russell would have a child. I don't know how that young man got at those facts, [laughter] but I think it must have been as much of a task for him as the hardest task I have had, which is a little incident I want to relate. It shows what things a reporter must do.

I was told by our editor that the engagement was announced of a man in society in Boston, Elise West and O. M. Secomb. Those words became somewhat famous in "Town Topics!" I never saw her, in fact I did not know her, though I described her in the paper. I was told by my editor that I should get the description of Miss West and get her photograph and tell all about her costumes and habits and hobbies. And so I inquired from several people, and I finally gave it up after two days of search. I told the editor and he told me I had better give it up. Then I said I wouldn't give it up. It was about nine o'clock. I found that Miss West lived on Faribault street. I went there and called at the West mansion. The servant came to the door and I said, "Is Miss West in?" I trembled for fear the answer might be that she was. She wasn't. I asked if her mother was in. "No." I said, "I think I will step in and wait." I therefore invited myself into this beautiful home. I had no business there. [Laughter.] But I stepped in. The servant looked at me, rather astonished. I walked into the parlor, the drawing-room, reception room, whatever it was. I selected the best chair and sat down. The servant stood and watched me. I admired the pictures

about the room and told the servant to take a chair. [Laughter.] I engaged her in conversation. In the course of fifteen or twenty minutes conversation I not only knew the full history of Miss West, even her habits and costumes, and what she ate for supper and what time she went to bed. I even had the servant on the point of getting Miss West's photograph, when the key turned. The servant told me that Mrs. West had had gone out to drive and would be in soon. Mrs. West presented herself. She was a very stern looking woman. [Laughter.] She was large. [Laughter.] She looked at me severely. I said "Mrs. West, I believe." "Yes." "I presume you do not know me." "No." I said to Mrs. West, "I presume you read the *Advertiser*." She told me they took the *Advertiser*. I said, "You will be pleased with my business, I know," and stated my business. I saw her move toward the bell and I thought I was to be ejected. But I began admiring a picture of Mrs. West and made some beautiful comments about the room, and quite won the favor of the old lady and got her talking about her daughter, and finally I went so far as to ask for her daughter's picture. And then I thought I was done for. She said she didn't think the *Advertiser* ever printed newspaper cuts. I told her this was an exceptional case. [Laughter.] It was a case where I had to gracefully crawl and work my way out. I finally parted friends with the old lady and shook hands with her. Which all shows what the newspaper man has to resort to in getting news. There are no end of incidents of this kind. A man has to lie awake all night thinking about the job he has on hand the next day. [Applause.]

Music by the Zeta Quartet and Mandolin Club.

THE TOAST-MASTER.—Brethren, you who are visiting Boston for the first time are not aware that you are at the hub of the universe. Whether you are aware of it or not, it is true. [Laughter.] Whatever is society and religion in Boston, that passes for all New England, and when New England passes a decree that is the end of the matter for the entire United States. [Laughter and applause.] And when the United States has passed judgment, that settles the question for the entire world. [Applause.]

I am about to present our brother, Fred. W. Perkins, who will speak to you on the toast, "Theta Delta Chi in New England; or what Theta Delta Chi has done to settle the great questions of the world." [Laughter and applause.]

Bro. Perkins said :

There is one advantage possessed always by one who speaks for New England, and that is that he is assured of the hearty and sympathetic

interest of all those who hear him. That is the only ground upon which I place any hope that you will listen to me, not for myself but the region which I represent.

There seems to be something in this name New England that has that power to arouse emotions of tender reverence and respect. In some way or other, the section seems to be a sort of model to all the rest of the world, and any man, whether he come from New York or New Jersey or the middle or western states or even California, any man who has a spark of filial devotion in his breast can feel no envy at hearing our praises. [Applause.]

In a certain sense, I suppose, in speaking for New England I should extend a sort of welcome to the brothers who have come to the Convention here in Boston. Boston is New England in embryo. So New England will welcome freely and gladly all the brothers from abroad, will welcome them to a region that is the very hot-bed of Theta Delta Chi. In no other section of equal size can there be found so many and so noble, flourishing charges. We are proud of them all. Up in the north our old Bowdoin gathers to herself the sturdy sons. To the west is loved Dartmouth, reflecting the aspirations of the dwellers of the Granite Hills. While Vermont has no college in her borders, she sends yearly a fine delegation of her brains and beauty, of whom an elegant specimen will be found in Kimball. [Applause.] Then there is the Lambda. Standing side by side is Tufts, depending for character and inspiration upon Boston; then Cambridge with Fair Harvard. Up in the central part of the state Amherst lies. To the south is Yale. Then comes dear old Brown, [applause] and Williams reposing majestically among the craggy peaks of the Berkshire Hills. [Applause.]

Now brothers; I submit in all fairness, does not this list of colleges represent a culture of which any region might well be proud, and does not the fact that of the Greek letter societies represented in these colleges; Theta Delta Chi stands second to none, is not that a fact of which the whole fraternity might be proud? Is it any wonder that these different New England charges are proud of each other, that they feel any occasion of festivity to be incomplete without the presence of theirs, when the tie that binds them is the privilege of standing together and adding to and sharing in the mental culture of this broadly cultured people? Is it any wonder that in the New England Association every year they turn out sixty, seventy-five, ninety strong, when they know they will meet their old friends and form new ties and knit old ones with the picked men of the descendants of generations of high living and high thinking? I know, brothers, that to many Theta Deltas these New England Association banquets have given the fullest indication of the proud and generous spirit and conception of our fraternity, the spirit that alone makes it any power. I know that many come in this banquet hall somewhat cold in enthusiasm, somewhat half-hearted in eulogies.

somewhat inclined to be skeptical as to the existence of this beautiful fraternity idea, and go forth, after listening to the glowing eloquence of Capen, filled through and through with devotion to their fraternity. [Applause.] They have seen and felt how really and harmoniously the principles of their fraternity blend with the principles of manliness and honor.

So you see, brothers, why we are proud of our New England charges. It is not a pride that flourishes at the expense of anybody else. I know that if in speaking of New England I should be sullyng the reputation of any other section, I should be called to an indignant account by brothers whose fraternity love is bounded by no sectional lines.

I think that sometimes New England has been misunderstood in this matter. Sometimes the opinion has prevailed that New England was cold or unsympathetic, and that they were somewhat lacking in the broad and generous fraternity spirit that ought to characterize a band of men organized to worship the divinity of friendship. Now, brothers, I wish to say here that it is utterly erroneous. I wish to ask you to imitate the manliness of Brother Holmes, who said in the SHIELD of March last, that before his visitation to the New England charges he had that same idea. That *he* came, *he* saw, but *we* conquered. Brothers, New England is not exclusive. There may be a certain seriousness, but that is an impress of the fundamental gravity of the New England mind. What New England wishes is to meet men of all types, and join with them in working out that ideal of right social living which as our newly elected President so finely expressed it, is the true purpose of Theta Delta Chi. To realize this is what Theta Delta Chi in New England stands for. [Applause.]

THE TOAST-MASTER.—The next toast is "Our Western Frontier." Westward the course of Theta Delta Chi has been taking its way and has planted charges in the states of Michigan and Minnesota. Having never been farther west than Chicago, I was a little curious to know what were the characteristics of those two states, so I brushed the dust off my physical geography, off Minnesota and Michigan, and looked them up and found they were noted for the dryness of their climate. [Laughter.] Appearances are sometimes deceitful, if we can judge the state of the geography by that.

That recalls to my mind the experience of one of my college class-mates in Texas. At one of the stations a long, lean, gaunt Texan got aboard and took part of the same section in the parlor car. He was peculiarly loyal to his state, as I believe all south-westerners are, and he remarked, "Texas is the best state in the Union to live in; there isn't a thing Texas

lacks; it is the very Garden of Eden of the United States." My friend, a New Englander, said, "I can't quite agree with you. Just look out of the car windows and you will see all the cattle are suffering for the want of water. You have such serious droughts. Surely Texas needs more water." And he answered, "Admit that Texas needs more water: you can't mention anything else." "Oh, yes. Only last night this train was held up. You surely need better society." "Well," he says, "supposing we do admit Texas needs more water and better society, you can't mention anything else." He said, "My friend, are you aware that is all hell needs, more water and better society." [Laughter and applause.] But it seems these western states need more water and better society too. Theta Delta Chi is supplying the need of better society, and I shall tell you how she is supplying that need by calling on our good brother, Lawrence T. Cole, of Michigan. [Applause.]

Bro. Cole spoke as follows:

However reluctant I may have been to accept the invitation of our toast-master to speak to-night about Theta Delta Chi in the west—a subject to which no one can do justice in this short time—I was somewhat comforted with the thought that it was a subject that had yet been untouched upon, practically, in our Theta Delta Chi banquets. At least I may say that, in its present development, it has not been touched upon by anyone who has lived among Theta Deltas in the west, who has known so large a number of Theta Deltas in the west, knowing what they are doing and what they hope to do.

Theta Delta Chi, I am sure, has done a great deal for the west. I am sure of it, not so much that I have traveled through the whole region we call the west and have seen individually what Theta Delta Chi has done for its members, but I know it by the character of the members I have seen in the west. I have met a large number of men, coming from all portions of the western states, especially those states which are about my own district, and I have found them nothing but what is true and manly, and I have found them nothing but that which is worthy of Theta Delta Chi. They were isolated—some of them have been years away from the fraternity. I have called upon many men who had not for years seen a Theta Delt, one man told me for seventeen years. [Laughter.] But I assure you that the very questionable welcome of "What in thunder is your business," soon melted away and I was given a most hearty welcome when I explained to him I was a member of Theta Delta Chi, and at going he thanked me for giving him an opportunity to see one who belonged to the fraternity he was a member of.

Our toast-master has said we have a pretty dry climate out there. I can speak for my own state at least, that we have some moisture. Our worthy ex-President, when he established the charge at the University of Michigan, remarked that it was a dry chapter, and I remember that at the time he gave quite a discussion in the SHIELD to the effect that it was the first fraternity initiation he had attended where there was no wine used. But in another sense we are not quite so dry. We have about us some enormous lakes. We are not as dry as we look.

But, brothers, I might speak more with authority with regard to Michigan. And as I speak of that, an incident comes to my mind. I have been introduced as being from Michigan. It reminds me of another man being introduced as coming from Michigan. When Bishop McCoste went to receive his decree of D. D., as was the custom, he was called up to receive it. One of the officers of the faculty arose and read out, "The Right Rev. S. A. McCoste, Bishop of Mis-chicken. The Bishop arose and a voice from the gallery cried out, "A regular Shanghai, isn't he? (Laughter.)

I notice that the man who introduced me got the name of my state all right, but there are a great many things in regard to us in the west, in regard to the charges in the west, with which the brothers in the east are not acquainted. In the first place, we have what perhaps no charge in the east has to contend with, and that is isolation. Last year, from the time the college opened until spring, we didn't see a single Theta Delt except members of our charge. Now one of our brethren here to-night has talked to us about getting the fraternity spirit by attending the convention banquet, he has mentioned how all of us imbibe that spirit of brotherly love and friendship from these banquets which we attend, but I am sure he cannot appreciate how we in the west hunger after these things that we we read about and hear about and yet can't get at, really see and feel and appreciate ourselves.

That is one element we must always think of when we judge the action in any matter of the western charges. This element entered largely into their views on all subjects in connection with our fraternity.

Now the toast to which I have been asked to respond is, "Our Western Frontier." I have one word to say in regard to the subject of the toast. It appears to me that it is almost a mistake to speak of Theta Delta Chi in the west, or east or north or south. There ought to be no points of the compass for us. We in the west feel that there is no Theta Delta Chi in any particular region. We don't feel as if we were Theta Delts of the west. We are Theta Delts of the whole fraternity. (Applause). We believe that to be a Theta Delt means something more than to belong to a society which is limited by any local bounds. I believe that in a fraternity, such as I am sure we have, there should be such catholicity of spirit that there is no room for north or south or east or west. We should be simply Theta Delts and nothing more. And I

hope, therefore, that is the standard by which we have tried to judge Theta Deltis in all other parts of the country, all the legislation of Theta Deltis in all parts of the country. All the legislation of Theta Delta Chi has not been what we in the west may think the best thing from our point of view. We have always tried to accept it as being the best for the fraternity at large.

And all we ask is that when Theta Delta Chi comes nearer the setting sun, that you in the east will remember that there is no Theta Delta Chi of the east or the west or north or south, but Theta Delta Chi of the United States, Theta Delta Chi of the world if you please, but not sectional, a catholic fraternity which shall extend wherever true manhood exists, and wherever men feel the need of a true brotherhood—a Fraternity. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER.—After listening to that speech it is unnecessary for me to state that our fraternity has made no mistake in going west. (Applause.) After a song from page 5 the Toastmaster introduced brother H. D. Foster to speak to the toast, "Once a Theta Delt, always a Theta Delt."

BRO. FOSTER responded as follows, first referring to a poem the toastmaster quoted from, before introducing him. We all remember that poem and the occasion, the tenth anniversary of brother Cook's charge. The last verse of this excellent poem was in these words :

"And here to-night we laugh at time and for the vanished years,
We have but pleasant memories and no regretful tears;
For time may whiten all our locks and dim the brightest eye
But time shall never quench our love for Theta Delta Chi."

It is a poem that has always been in my mind, and to-night is recalled to me because of the ten years which this occasion makes. In October of 1882 the convention met for the thirty-sixth time, and it was here in Young's Hotel, and Seth was Toastmaster then as now. During the convention, the members of Marc Cook's charge at Hamilton had been startled by the appearance in the rooms of a man much like the brother who had gone the month before. At the banquet, brother Bachman of Hamilton pronounced a eulogy upon him, full of sympathy with brother Marc Cook's literary style and referred to this remarkable likeness, and called upon the brother whose face had recalled so strikingly the brother who had gone before. Five years later, he too, after having given his life to the service of others, laid down his life with the same disease that had taken away Marc Cook.

Ten years have gone by, and we come to the same song of reminiscence of Theta Delta Chi.

We come together, brothers, on such occasions as this and look back

into the old times. There is a good deal of meaning in that and a good deal of nonsense. It is very pleasant to talk of Theta Delta Chi being the only thing in the world. Is there anything that makes a man once a Theta Delt always a Theta Delt? I understand Theta Delta Chi to stand not merely for sociability. A college fraternity is an ideal thing if it is a fraternity in its true sense. It is for friendship, not merely for sociability, and therein lies the hope for the future and the reason for what we have accomplished and the reason that calls brother Mellon from Pittsburg, the only member of the old Pi except brother Gregg, who, I know, likes to get back the old sentiment of friendship.

There is nothing sweeter than coming into friendship with every man in Theta Delta Chi; you give him the grip and you feel that he is a friend. Theta Delta Chi teaches you to know some few men. It is this spirit of friendship which makes Theta Delta Chi a living principle, that never passes out of a man's life. It helps him through the hard times in college life, when there are a good many hard lessons to be learned. It brings out the best in himself. When he meets a brother here and sees the glow of life in him, that stimulus finds an answer in his own breast. We go out in these beautiful fall days and take in the beautiful air and fill the lungs full and hold it a moment till the oxygen goes through the body, and you feel that it is a different world from what it was last night, that everything is beautiful and that there is life and friends and that it is something to live down here in the world. So when you come to a friend of yours, full of that same glow; it goes to the heart; it goes through the whole man. It is like two instruments that are tuned to perfect accord and respond and the harmony of the one produces the same divine harmony in the other. There is a divine quality in friendship which we can never lose, and it makes us see that we can never lose that best and noblest in life, the love of one man for another. (Applause.)

Music by the Zeta Quartet.

THE TOASTMASTER.—Theta Delt is gallant, if anything, and it would be very inappropriate for us to close without having the usual toast, "The Ladies, The Lovely Dears."

At a meeting of the Ministers' Club, the President of the Club, before introducing a divine who was to speak on the subject of Hell, said, "Brethren, I hope you will give the speaker your careful attention because I am sure you will be instructed and interested because he is thoroughly in love with his subject." (Laughter). In order for anybody to be thoroughly instructive, he must be thoroughly in love with

his subject. So I call for brother Taylor, because he is thoroughly in love with the ladies. (Laughter.)

Bor. Taylor spoke as follows :

Words do not come as easy to me as they do to you. I am no office seeker. (Laughter). And whenever I hear a fluent speaker I am always reminded of the laborer who was carrying his bricks to the sixth story. When he was but to the fourth story, he yelled down to a co-laborer, "Pat, the ticket you put in the lothery didn't bring a cint." "Faith, the divil I care; aisy come, aisy go." But since Tuesday—I believe, Mr. Toastmaster, Tuesday has been referred to—since Tuesday I have been almost able to make anything out of even the soap advertisements. (Laughter.)

As our toastmaster has told us, we must be thoroughly *en rapport* with our subject, to do it justice. We must be thoroughly familiar with it, we must be well acquainted with it, we must know it from the ground up, so to speak. (Laughter.)

I am obliged to plead not guilty. As our brother, President Capen said, you were very glad to greet the young men here. I know the young men will be glad to greet the young ladies if they have a chance. But coming from a state where there are but few young ladies, the reputation of the state is acquired from wine and other spirituous liquors. We think more of that than we do of the ladies.

There are all sorts of ladies, good ladies, bad ladies; slow girls and swift girls. How swift, I don't know, and I will try to tell you. There was an Irishman standing on a railroad platform one time when the railroad train went by and ran over a man standing near there. And at the inquest held shortly afterwards the judge asked the Irishman his opinion as to how fast the train was going. "Moighty fast." "Can't you give us some idea?" "Moighty fast. If it had not bin toime for one on one side o' me to say, 'How fast!' and the other side of me to say 'Moighty fast,' I would never have seen it at all."

THE TOASTMASTER.—"If you will take the trouble to consult Webster, you will find Iota is the smallest letter in the Greek alphabet. Iota charge is small only in name, and like Fair Harvard is noble and grand in its proportions and splendid to look upon. In this recent disastrous campaign that has been referred to, the undergraduates of Harvard did the finest work in stumping this old commonwealth. But it is universally conceded that Arthur P. Stone, a member of the Republican club at Harvard College, and a loyal Theta Delt, was *facile princeps* the most eloquent man sent out from the college. Now I present this man to tell you what Iota is." (Applause.)

Bro. Stone's response was as follows :

Mr. Toastmaster and brethren, I feel that it is eminently fitting that an undergraduate of Harvard should come after the toast of the ladies. We are always after the ladies. (Laughter) I was somewhat surprised at the knowledge of my past iniquities that the toastmaster displayed. I am going to give the whole thing away to you; just a little bit of personal history. I spoke in five towns. The returns came in, and in all the towns those five gave democratic gains, so you see what you are in for to-night. (Laughter)

We have a peculiar position. We in Harvard, throughout the length and breadth of the land, are subject to the grossest misrepresentation of our college. Now, we are loyal to Harvard first, last and all the time. Next Saturday we intend to show our loyalty in one way, but that is but a minor matter when it comes to the loyalty we are going to display throughout our whole life,—loyalty to our college. And if you will bear with me, I would like to correct, if I can, one or two of the misrepresentations that we meet.

You are told all sorts of stories of the iniquities that exist at our college. Some perhaps are true. The greatest part of it is absolutely false. We come from a university that is as true and pure as any college that has a representation here in this delegation to-night. Our motto is truth and we intend to live up to it. Now, I ask you, do believe frankly, sensibly, that the representatives of the largest university in this country are the men that a misrepresenting press and public often picture them to be? Do you believe that the types that are continually brought up to you are the types that represent my college? You have undoubtedly known in your own institution men whom you were not proud of, men whose lives did not reflect the light centered round your college. Let me remind you that a class of men that amount, say, to five or ten in a college where the total number is three hundred, becomes a class of men with a hundred members in a university whose membership is three thousand. That class, by its social position, is often prominently before you. Do you think that the representatives of that university which was first founded 264 years ago, and has since then given you a line of illustrious men whose names are enrolled upon the history of the country, whose names are household words in every village in these United States, whose names are the history of your colleges—and a glorious history it is, do you believe that those men have as descendants in the present day the men they are often represented? Do you believe what people of no education have taken us to be, or will you take us in the light of the great men we present to you? Do you believe, when you go to Cambridge and look upon the grandest memorial in the United States to our soldier dead, and see name after name in its corridors, painted on tablet after tablet, that those men, only thirty years ago, have left a race of sons who are unworthy of them? Do you believe, when you see our univer-

sity, stretching over acres in the heart of the thriving and populous city, when you see our professors, men who are revered everywhere, do you believe that those men have instilled into our breasts principles that are not worthy and good? I come to you all, asking this question, do you believe that the Harvard undergraduate is different from the undergraduate of your own loved university? I believe in Harvard thoroughly, but I do not ask you to. I think that the most miserable man I ever knew was a graduate of a university, or rather college, which is represented by a delegation here to-night, who told me that after all, Harvard is superior to his own college. I believe that every word he said was true, but I have nothing but the most profound contempt for any man that will acknowledge it. I had another case. There was a man came to me from a little university, not represented here, whose name would probably excite laughter if it excited anything; he was a man in the Senior class, and I can truthfully say he couldn't have gotten into either of the two higher classes in my university. The man was almost jubilant. He declared that his college was the best in the country and he would not change for any other, and I had the profoundest respect for that man.

We come to you with loyalty, and ask you as men, but above all as men of your own college, do you believe that our undergraduates, the representatives, a few of whom you have seen, do you believe that we are not true undergraduates of American universities? If you say, yes, then the university which I represent will only shield itself in the feeling that we are misunderstood. If you say, no, if you give us the answer that you do not believe this, then the hand of every Harvard man comes out to you from the heart that is crimson, and then we welcome you and we are proud to be numbered among you.

I am aware that all this, perhaps, is boasting in regard to my college. I am aware that you represent other institutions. But I have only touched upon it to bring to your minds the fact that when you go home, when you go to your charges, perhaps in the coming weeks, certainly before you will see Harvard's representatives again, you will hear reference, you will hear reports against the fair name of Fair Harvard; we ask you to think and say, why, we saw those men, they are Theta Deltas, we saw their university; and then stand, as you would for your own alma mater, for the same truth towards Harvard.

Brothers, you believe that the Harvard men are loyal. There is boasting, perhaps, in all I have said. It is to convince you of our loyalty in every respect. Loyalty pervades the very atmosphere we breathe. Now, we ask you once again. Think that this college brings to you the loyalty they preserve for themselves. We are true at Harvard, to college, country and to God; but in that great Trinity there is room without crowding for loyalty to Theta Delta Chi. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER.—One of the pleasures of the toast-

master is that he can say to one man, come, and to another man, go. I can say to our President, come. You will now listen to our new President who will respond to the toast, "Our Fraternity." (Applause.)

President Benedict replied as follows:

"Our Fraternity." We are asked what it is. The old Roman matron was asked to show her jewels. She pointed to her children. Here is our fraternity. One hundred and twenty here to-night, one twenty-fifth of the fraternity.

Our fraternity is strong in its membership, strong in its ideals, and strong in this one particular. I will detain you but a moment. It unites the ideals of youth with the ideals of age. We know that hope is strong in childhood and early youth. It attacks the future. We picture ourselves made scions of honor and of influence. But when the years have passed and we look back in memory, our pictures of hope are not so dear, so clear and strong to us as those that memory pictures to us.

As we look back on our college days, no man in Boston ever got such liners as we who stood on second base; no one ever ran so quickly to first as did those in our day, in our age, twenty years ago.

Now, our fraternity is this: It unites the hope of the youth with the memory of the man. It keeps him young; it keeps him true; it gives him the experience of age; it gives him the assurance of the strength of youth in the companionship and in the common ideals of his fraternity.

One thing more. Some twelve or fourteen years ago I was visiting in Boston, and went into the studio of an artist. On two easels were two different pictures. One, the conception of the artist of Christ before Pilate, not in any sense the conception of the picture that has taken that name since. In the picture Pilate was painted in strong colors and strong figure. And on the other easel was a picture of an interior representing an evening scene, the hour 9:30 as shown by the clock. A boy had come in from the street, thrilled with the overpowering thought that his father was a drunkard. He had been out on the street to get his father to come home. He couldn't bring him, and sank there overpowered with that terrible thought. The mother stands by the bedside of her children who are asleep, and she looks up in mute petition. The artist said, "When I painted that Pilate all I needed to do was to let the devil in me out and I could paint it just as fast my brush could move; but when I painted the face of this mother it took me over three months to do it. I could only do it when my own feelings were highest and purest and noblest." So our fraternity is this: It is that influence over others which is brought about by your best effort. It is the best in you which influences, uplifts and helps your brother. This is our fraternity. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER.—Brethren, we believe that every Theta

Delt who lives up to the principles as set forth in our Constitution will live forever, and in recognition of this belief, we have appropriately named that charge in which we shall meet to live throughout all ages, the Omega charge. Brothers, arise. Let us respond to the Omega charge by drinking in silence to the memory of those departed brothers who now sit in the great halls of the Omega charge.

Thus closed one of the largest and best banquets ever held by the fraternity. It was impossible to get an absolutely correct list of those present but the efforts of the scribe resulted in the following list which embraces nearly the entire number:

Beta—J. F. Thompson, '87; L. H. Parker, '89; F. L. Connard, '93; E. M. Wilson, '93; P. T. DuBois, '95.

Gamma Deuteron—L. T. Cole, '92.

Delta—J. C. Hallock, '91.

Epsilon Deuteron—L. C. DuBois, '89; A. L. VanHuyek, '93.

Zeta—C. B. Perry, '67; E. C. Stiness, '90; C. S. Tower, '90; M. W. Kern, '92; A. D. Tucker, '92; S. A. Hopkins, '93; F. P. Ladd, '93; G. H. Eiswald, '94; W. H. Kimball, '94; G. R. C. Hall, '94; L. H. Newell, '94; H. F. Hill, '95; L. E. Taylor, '95.

Eta—N. R. Webster, '81; F. W. Alexander, '85; C. A. Byram, '86; G. A. Porter, '91. C. H. Howard, '93; C. C. Bucknam, '93; F. W. Pickard, '94.

Iota—J. P. Miner, '85; E. J. Sartelle, '85; H. F. Lewis, '85; W. H. Wiggin, Jr., '92; A. P. Stone, '93; C. E. Whitmore, '93; R. E. Gregg, '94; C. H. Beckwith, '94.

Iota Deuteron—H. C. Taylor, '85; C. W. Collier, '90; R. T. Needham, '91; C. P. Pressey, '93; L. P. Armstrong, '93; F. S. Walker, '94; W. H. Godfrey, '95; F. W. Keene, '95; H. P. Frank, '95.

Kappa—E. H. Capen, '60; E. A. Start, '84; S. W. Mendum, '85; W. R. Woodbury, '85; Chas. Reed, '89; F. W. Perkins, '91; H. J. Perry, '92; F. E. Kimball, '92; C. G. Kipp, '93; J. B. Groce, '93; S. Shaw, '93; A. P. Thompson, '93; J. E. Eastwood, '94; W. H. Goodrich, '94; H. C. Folsom, '95; F. E. Sanborn, '95.

Lambda—W. F. Rogers, '84; F. E. Bateman, '87; John Wenzel, '91; J. W. Luce, '92; C. B. Tewksbury, '92; J. H. Fuller, '93; W. S. Hawkins, '93; G. B. Adams, '94; J. P. Pillsbury, '94; F. W. Kimball, '94; G. A. Sweetzer, '94; J. Flower, '95; A. D. Flower, '95.

Mu Deuteron—F. L. Palmer, '85; J. W. Morris, '85; E. M. Woodward, '85; G. S. Stewart, '91; G. H. Fisher, '93.

Nu Deuteron—F. H. McCall, '91; C. W. Gearhardt, '93; A. C. Lewis, '94.

Xi—T. H. Bachman, '94.

Omicron Deuteron—C. R. Miller, '72; Seth P. Smith, '82; E. C. Willard, '83; T. M. Hodgdon, '84; F. R. Shapleigh, '88; H. E. Colby, '91.

Pi—J. R. Mellon, '65.

Pi Deuteron—W. H. McIntyre, '90; Wm. Bogert, '91; W. T. Lawson, '93.

Rho—W. H. Shields, '72.

Rho Deuteron—F. N. Dodd, '91; E. C. Ehlers, '92; E. F. Hicks, '93; Robt. VanIderstine, '94.

Sigma—J. A. Underwood, '92.

Tau Deuteron—E. P. Sheldon, '94.

Phi—C. W. Holmes, '69; W. S. Hogg, '71; Chas. Albertson, '93; F. O. Nightingale, '94; J. F. Losee, '94.

Chi—T. T. Swinburne, '93.

Psi—A. G. Benedict, '72; R. B. Seymour, '84.

THE CHICAGO BANQUET.

The Chicago Graduate Association will hold their third Annual banquet at the Grand Pacific Hotel on Friday evening, Jan. 13th, 1893, at 8 p. m. Matters relating to the World's Fair will be discussed and every brother who can is urgently requested to be present. Tickets \$3.50. Go if you can and inform the Secretary at once. O. T. EASTMAN, Sec'y.,

194 Randolph Street.

THE SOUTHERN GRADUATE ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh Annual Banquet of the Southern graduate Association will be held at the Hotel Rennert in Baltimore, Md., at 6 p. m., Thursday Jan. 26th, 1893. Tickets \$5.00. Every brother who can is earnestly urged to be present. Notify the Secretary at once.

REV. ALEX M. RICH, Sec'y.,

Reisterstown, Md.

MOUNT VERNON.

A poem read by T. T. Swinburne at the Initiatory Banquet of the Chi Charge, held at "The Livingston," Rochester, N. Y., November 3, 1892 :

At classic Vernon, 'neath ancestral trees,
Whose shade recalls his sacred memory,
I stood before the tomb of Washington ;
And reverently, with uncovered head,
Gazed mutely on the white sarcophagus,
Wherein the father of our country sleeps ;
Which lies in State within the sepulchre,
Resplendent in his children's heritage,
The glorious flag bequeathed to us by him.

A strange emotion filled my heart, and brought
The long forgotten years before my mind :
I heard the sound of battle, and I saw
The race of Pocahontas slowly track
Their fading shadows tow'rd the setting sun.
I saw primeval forests, where the night
Had reigned since the upheaval, rooted up.
And rivers spanned, and plains and mountains crossed ;
Till ocean greeted ocean, and the voice
Of wild Niagara reached the balmy Gulf.
And o'er the mighty continent was seen
The buffalo united to the plow.

I saw the yoke of foreign tyranny
Thrown off, the new world severed from the old ;
But through the smoke of battle I beheld
The corner-stone of Freedom's temple laid.
Then came a vision of the capitol ;
With Liberty exalted on the dome,
The bird of freedom perched upon her head.

I saw those august men whose fearless pens
Proclaimed another nation to the world.
And him, the central figure of the age,
Immortal Washington I saw, the first
Of those who ranked but with the first ; whose will
Was sovereign, but who was sovereign
Of his will ; who grasped the civic strands
And made them one ; and piloted the State
A down the changing current of events—

A tolling bell awoke my reverie,
 When, like a benediction to my thoughts,
 I saw an eagle fly, on circling wing,
 Across the spot and southward take its way.

THE CHI'S INITIATORY BANQUET.

When the Chi charge was re-established it was deemed best to postpone the initiation banquet until the fall term on account of the close proximity of commencement with its pressing demands upon the time of all parties interested. The first convenient date was November 3d, and on the evening of that day, after having held a meeting in the rooms where the first initiation was performed by the new charge, the charge and visiting brothers repaired to "The Livingston" and gathered round the festive board. Seventeen covers were laid. After the courses had passed, the toastmaster, Bro. Jacob Spahn, assumed control and propounded the following toasts with responders as noted :

The Fraternity.	Clay W. Holmes.
The Old Chi	E. M. Moore, Jr.
Blackstone and the "Frats"	Frank S. Rice.
The Reverend Clergy	Rev. B. W. Perry.
The Masonic Thete	F. M. Bottum.
A Poem	Thomas T. Swinburne.
Medicine on the East Side	Dr. C. R. Barber.
The New Chi	Benj. G. Estes.
The First Impressions of $\Theta \Delta X$	W. M. Glass.

In the intervals several songs were sung and the Chi boys seemed to be imbued with the proper enthusiasm, as no gathering of veterans could have entered into the spirit of the occasion with greater zest. The following brothers were present :

Rev. B. W. Perry, Psi '91.

Clay W. Holmes, Phi '69.

Frank S. Rice, Phi '70.

and the following from the Chi : Jacob Spahn, '70 ; F. M. Bottum, '71 ; E. M. Moore, Jr., '71 ; Dr. C. R. Barber, '79 ; Charles P. K. Sarver, '92 ; W. A. Harris, '93 ; Joseph R. Webster, '94 ; David G. Meyer, '94 ; T. T. Swinburne, '94 ; P. A. Blossom, '95 ; S. E. Barrett, '95 ; B. G. Estes, '95 ; C. E. Parker, '96 ; M. W. Glass, '96.

Our Graduates.

NOTE.—This department we intend to make a special feature of THE SHIELD, and to insure its completeness we desire every graduate to aid us by contributing such items of information—no matter how trifling they may seem—about members of the fraternity, the current happenings with themselves or their families, or matters affecting their interests, as promptly as they occur or come to their ears. We would like to keep an *courant* with and pleasantly mention every graduate member and will be glad to do so if our wishes are fulfilled.—EDITOR.

Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., Psi, '67, has met with a crushing affliction in the death of his only son, Ralph, who was drowned August 2d while on his vacation, in the Musquash river in Canada. He graduated from the Newark academy in June, with the highest honors, and had entered the freshman class at Princeton. From the *New York Evangelist* we take the following, written by the head master of Newark academy.

"He was unanimously chosen President of his class, being without exception the pupil most beloved, honored and trusted both by his fellow pupils and by his teachers. His gentle and sympathetic nature won all hearts, while his modest manliness of character commanded respect and admiration. His delicate sense of propriety, and his conscientiousness in the performance of every duty made his teachers look upon him more as a friend than as a pupil. I have never known another who united such lovely and winning traits with so much manly strength and ability.

In his work as a student he was clear, regular and thorough. He was never hurried, never spasmodic, and never superficial. Whatever he had to do was done at the proper time, and the result was a steady progress and the formation of habits which gave promise of the highest success as a scholar.

He had the strongest clearest intellect that I have ever met in one so young.

The traits and qualities, which gave him such power and influence in the school, would have given him great power among men.

The world has sore need of such as he."

Dr. Green will have the hearty sympathy of every member of the fraternity in this great sorrow, a sorrow which must be all the deeper because of the brilliant promise of the life so suddenly cut short, and which must yet be comforted by the thought that his son deserved such praise.

Rev. George Williamson Smith, Xi, '57, has been for nine years President of Trinity college, Hartford, Conn. The following from the *Trinity Tablet* will be read with pleasure by many who are proud of the honor he has brought to the fraternity. "This week ends the ninth year of Dr. Smith's government of the college, and we are glad to take this oppor-

tunity of congratulating ourselves and him upon the decided advance made by him during the past decade. The college building has been filled to its limit and the gymnasium, President's house, science building and athletic field have been added to what Dr. Smith found here, and a high standard of excellence has been maintained in all branches of the college curriculum. The courses have been expanded and much more attention given to the scientific side of education. Electives have been added year by year so that now a man has an excellent opportunity to use his judgment in choosing what branches he will pursue. Everything about the place has assumed a spirit of life and advance which is bound to meet with public approval. Athletics has never been an especial object in Dr. Smith's mind to the exclusion of the scholastic side of college life, but under his encouragement Trinity has taken an extremely creditable position in athletics, one in fact which would point to a much larger number of men to draw from than we have. In every branch of college life there is an activity shown which makes the place what it is, one of the best to fit a man for the varied duties of after life, and where he can be developed in every way. We are sure Dr. Smith has the support and gratitude of all true friends of the college and the congratulations of all upon having had such success in the administration of his duties—an administration which has already extended over a longer period of time than that of any previous president.

Dennis M. Cole Eta, '88, who has been instructor in the sciences at the Farmington (Me.) State Normal school, has accepted a similar position in the public schools of Westfield, Mass. During his two years' stay in Farmington he made many warm friends who were very sorry to have him leave. It was through his energy that a flourishing athletic association was formed in the town last winter. The members of the association and other friends tendered Bro. Cole a reception at its rooms shortly before he left, which was a very enjoyable affair. During the evening Bro. Cole was called upon the floor and presented with a fine gold watch as a testimonial from his friends of the esteem in which he is held. Westfield is to be congratulated upon securing an able instructor and a fine fellow. Bro. Cole was a member of the Bowdoin expedition to Labrador during the summer of 1891, and with a companion made an expedition into the interior, succeeding in reaching the wonderful Grand Falls, of which an account is given in the *September Century*, by H. C. Bryant who visited them soon after. In his article Prof. Bryant gives due credit to Bro. Cole and his companion, (Mr. Cary a *Δ KE*.) Bro. Cole has written an article concerning their trip and observations which will probably soon be published in one of the magazines.

Franklin M. Drew, Eta, '58, of Lewiston, Me., was re-elected Judge of Probate for Androscoggin county, at the September election. Bro. Drew had the largest plurality of the county officers and received many congratulations on this account.

William Arthur Davis, Sigma, '87, died in Atlanta, Ga., on September 24th, aged 27 years. The following brief sketch is taken from the *Atlanta Constitution*. "Deceased was born in Wadebridge, Cornwall, England, and came to America with his parents and sister in 1877. He was a pupil at Nazareth hall, Nazareth, Pa., later in the public schools of Easton, Pa., and completed his education in Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa., from which institution he graduated in 1887. He was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Immediately after leaving college he came to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he was in business with his father for a year. Interest in slate caused them to go to Rockmart, Ga., from whence the son came to Atlanta two years ago to enter business with the firm of Traynham & Ray. Mr. Davis was of a peculiarly modest and retiring disposition, yet true as steel to every principle of right. About a year ago he connected himself with the Trinity M. E. church of which he was a consistent member. Faithful in attendance upon the Sabbath school and prayer meeting, his place was never vacant unless for some providential reason. During his short illness he was most patient and resigned, and gave his friends repeated assurances that all was well with his soul. Almost his last words were 'To think of being in heaven forever.' Loyal and warm hearted, generous to a fault, a most dutiful son and devoted brother, and faithful friend, his loss is most keenly felt by those who knew and loved him. His remains were taken to Easton, Pa., for interment beside his mother."

Frank W. Davis, Eta, '85, commenced his labors as pastor of the Congregational church at Cumberland Centre, Me., Sept. 4th. Bro. Davis graduated from Bangor Theological seminary last June. He is an able preacher and will stand high in his profession. He takes an active interest in athletics and while at the seminary labored hard for the establishment of a gymnasium there. He was a member of Bowdoin's '85 crew which defeated Cornell and broke the amateur record. Three of the four members of this crew were Theta Deltas.

John C. Hull, Eta, '92, is principal of Fryeburg (Me.) academy, a school with a long list of illustrious alumni, and which has just celebrated its hundredth anniversary. Many students have been fitted for the various New England colleges at this school, not a few of whom have become Theta Deltas. Bro. Hull goes to Fryeburg well fitted for his duties, having taken high rank in college. He is a loyal Theta Delt and may be relied upon to see that the men he sends to college become members of the $\Theta \Delta X$.

Wm. L. Stone, Zeta, '57, is still engaged in historical researches. A recent number of the New York *Sun* speaks of his latest volume in this way. "The Starin Family in America, by William L. Stone, is a large and handsomely produced book, in the preparation of which it was the author's aim to give, not a mere record, but a social history of the Mohawk Valley before and during the Revolution."

O. W. Follin, Delta, '59, has been mourned as dead by the fraternity. The Shield has just received from him a letter in which he says, "I am informed that the records of our society have me reported dead. I mail you the Daily San Jose *Phoenix*, whereby you will see it has not yet been my good fortune to 'climb the golden stair,' and enter the portals of the New Jerusalem, its a joy awaiting." Bro. Follin is one of the publishers of the above mentioned paper, and is heartily welcomed back to the ranks of the living.

Rev. Pleasant Hunter Lambda, '80, formerly of Newark, N. J., has accepted a call to the Westminster Presbyterian church of Minneapolis. It is the largest and most wealthy church of that denomination in the state and one of the largest in the country. He has at once taken rank as the popular pulpit orator of the city, and his large church is crowded to overflowing at every service. He is a loyal member of the fraternity, and meets a warm welcome from the large Theta Delt contingent in Minneapolis.

Rev. C. S. Sargent, '76, Prof. C. W. French, '79; J. P. Houston, '84; E. A. Kimball, '85, Rev. J. M. Hulbert, '85; and Prof. H. W. Thurston, '86, represented *O*³ at a lunch given to distinguished alumni by Chicago Association of Dartmouth College alumni on Oct. 8, '92 at the Tremont House.

Herman N. Dunham, Eta, '85, of Freeport, Me., has been elected principal of the Wethersfield (Conn.) High school and entered upon his duties in that position. There were over twenty-five candidates for the principalship.

Rev. H. C. McCook, Pi, '59, had a part in the dedicatory exercises of the World's Fair. It was another case of saving the best to the last. Bro. McCook pronounced the benediction at the close of these ceremonies.

Eliel S. Ball, Omicron Deuteron, '74, of Waltham, Mass., died not long since, but only the announcement of his death was received by the Shield, no particulars being given.

Carl H. Corwin, Omicron Deuteron, '87, entered the Chicago Theological Seminary at the beginning of the present year. His address is 81 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Wm. H. Cothren, Eta, '84, has returned to New York city after several years absence in Chicago. He is still with the Edison Electric Co. occupying a responsible position.

M. C. Fernald, Eta, '61, President of Maine State college has resigned. We have not learned when his resignation is to take effect or who his successor will be.

C. E. Thomas, Nu Deuteron, '85, is now connected with the street department of Chicago Public Works. His address is Ravenswood, P.O. Chicago.

Edward H. Wilson, Eta, '92 is studying law in Portland, Me.

J. C. Hull, Eta, '92, is principal of the Fryeburg, Me., Academy.

Wm. B. Perry, Mu Deuteron, '92, is a private tutor in Somerville, Conn.

Elmer P. Smith, Mu Deuteron, '92, is a student in the Albany Law School.

Frank Durgin, Eta, '92 has entered the Law School of Boston University.

S. B. Abbott, Eta, '92 has begun the study of law at his home in Farmington, Me.

Chas. A. Paine, Zeta, '75 will represent Eastport in the Maine Legislature of 1893.

Willard J. Fisher, Mu Deuteron, '92, is principal of the High School in Medway, Mass.

J. M. Hollister, Kappa, '92, is located in Chicago, with the Western Electric Company.

Frank F. Amsden, Nu Deuteron, '87 is connected with the Lebanon Furnace, Lebanon, Pa.

Howard W. Poor, Eta, '92, is instructor in athletics at the Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass.

B. J. Wertheimer, Omicron Deuteron '76, is located in suite 502, 100 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Herrick, Kappa, '90, has lately been made principal of the Powder Point school, Duxbury, Mass.

Edwin D. Pierce, Mu Deuteron, '92, is teaching in the Hotchkiss Yale Preparatory School, Lakeville, Conn.

John A. Roberts, Eta, '77, has been elected to represent Norway and adjacent towns in the Maine legislature.

Chas. H. Deans, Nu Deuteron, '89, is with Soosmith & Co., Contracting Engineers, No. 2 Nassau St., New York City.

A. M. Edwards, Eta, '81, continues as superintendent of schools at Pittsfield, Mass., with an increase in salary of \$300.

Archibald Johnston, Nu Deuteron, '89, is in charge of the 125 ton Hammer and Binding Press, Bethlehem Iron Co., Bethlehem, Pa.

J. H. Spengler, Nu Deuteron, '86, after some time spent in Memphis, has returned to Chicago, where he is with the City Sanitary Department.

Dr. Chas. F. Stokes, Rho Deuteron, '84, Passed Assistant Surgeon U. S. N., was October 1, 1892 ordered to the Naval Hospital at Yokohama, Japan.

W. L. Neill, Nu Deuteron, '88, is engaged in the practice of law in Chicago. His office is in the Home Insurance Building, LaSalle and Adams street, suite 1107.

Rev. R. L. Bachman, Psi, '71, has never formally entered the diplomatic service of the United States, but while attending the great Pan-Presbyterian council recently held in Toronto, he found himself for three days the only defender of Uncle Sam in a debate on a question in which religion, morality and international politics were so mixed that it was only settled by an official despatch from the State Department at Washington, sent in reply to Dr. Bachman's request. His triumph was complete, and the British lion was compelled to retreat from his position.

¶ Llewellyn Barton, Eta, '84, has resigned the principalship of the academy in Bridgton, Me., after several years of successful administration. He has maintained the high standing of the school, which is one of the leading preparatory institutions of the state. He has always retained his interest in the charge at Bowdoin and has sent to it many bright men. We hear that Bro. Barton will resume the study of law.

Rev. Lewis Halsey, Xi, '68, is meeting with a most flattering reception in his new pastorate in Oswego, and is rapidly making his influence felt, not only in the church but the community at large. One evidence of this last fact is that a quotation from his sermon on "Municipal Reform" was made the text of a strong editorial in one of the daily papers on the day after its delivery.

George R. Groesbeck, Delta, '89, who has been with the Elmira bridge works for about a year, left for Springfield, Mass., recently, where he will continue his work as a bridge engineer. Mr. Groesbeck was graduated from the Troy polytechnical school in civil engineering and continued his work at the bridge works.

F. E. Beane, Kappa, '75, and Llewellyn Barton, Eta, '84, were the Democratic candidates from their respective towns, but failed of an election to the Maine legislature. Bro. Beane came within twelve votes of being elected. No matter what their politics, we hate to see Theta Deltas the losers in the contest.

Rev. Thomas O. Marvin, Kappa, '89, who for the past two or three years has been in charge of the First Universalist Society in Albany, N. Y., has recently accepted a call to Spencer, Mass. Brother Marvin's abilities may be seen in the good condition in which he leaves the Albany parish.

C. A. Borst, Psi, '81, formerly of Johns-Hopkins University, left there October 1st and now has charge of the computations in the nautical almanac, in the astronomical section of the navy department.

E. H. Sibley, Beta, '80, combines with the management of the Prospect Hill stock farm, occasional humorous writing under the name of Polybius Crusoe Smith, A. M.

F. W. Allen, Mu Deuteron, '91, has been captain of the Union College football team this fall and has been doing enthusiastic and successful work.

H. H. Noyes, Eta, '91, is at Andover Theological Seminary.

Will O. Hersey, Eta, '92, is principal of the high school in Bridgton, Me.

N. D. Alexander, Mu Deuteron, '92, is a student at the Harvard Law School.

Thomas F. Nichols, Eta, '92, is taking a post-graduate course at Clark University.

S. C. Fairley, Mu Deuteron, '92, is principal of the high school at Sharon, Conn.

George P. Hitchcock, Mu Deuteron, '92, is sub-master of the high school in Ansonia, Conn.

Daniel R. Knight, Mu Deuteron, '91, is principal of the high school at Wallingford, Conn.

E. A. Kimball and Foye S. Baldwin, Lambda, '88, are studying together in Germany.

John F. Hodgdon, Eta, '92, of South Berwick Me., has engaged in business with his father.

Arthur L. Brainerd, Mu Deuteron, '92, is teaching Latin and German in Haverford College, Pa.

H. K. Stiles and J. M. U. Farnham, Mu Deuteron, '91, have entered the Harvard Medical School.

W. R. Stockbridge, Lambda, '88, has gone to South America to engage in business at Surinam, Dutch Guiana.

Charles E. Birch, C. E., Delta, '92, is with the Stacey M'f'g Co., Gas Works builders, offices 39 Mill Street, Cincinnati, O.

A. S. Cooley, Mu Deuteron, '91, is a student this year in classical philology at Harvard Graduate School for the degree of A. M.

J. C. Ferguson, Lambda, '86, who has been engaged in missionary work in Nanking, China, has recently returned to this country.

A. C. Dresser, Eta, '88, who was principal of the high school in Rockland, Me., last year, succeeds Bro. Barton as principal of the Bridgton Academy.

Wayne Dumont, Phi, '92, is principal of the high school in Phillipsburg, N. J., and is also taking a post-graduate course in literature at Lafayette College.

Rev. C. L. Goodell, Lambda, '77, is traveling abroad. An interesting letter from Willis S. Paine, in Correspondence gives an account of their meeting in Palestine.

C. C. Arosemena, C. E., B. S., Delta, '92, has returned to his home in Panama. It is reported that he sees millions in a brewery which he proposes to establish there.

Alejandro Posada, Jr., Delta, '92, has returned to his home in Bogota, Republic of Columbia, after spending the summer in Paris and Rome.

F. E. Kimball, Kappa, '72, has accepted a position as teacher of sciences in Westbrook Seminary, Deering, Me., and will enter upon his duties with the January term.

J. C. Blandy, C. E., Delta, '87, is one of the incorporators and managers of the American Wood Board Co., of Thomson's Mills, Washington Co., N. Y. Their capital stock is \$40,000.

F. L. Goodspeed, Lambda, '87, has recently declined a call to the Clarendon Street Baptist Church of Boston, one of the wealthiest and most aristocratic congregations in that city.

Solon I. Bailey, Lambda, '81, has been appointed assistant professor of Harvard astronomical observatory. He goes to take charge of the South American observatory at Arequipa, Peru.

KIMBALL—COOK.

M. L. Kimball, Eta, '86, was married on November 18th in Ellsworth, Me., to Miss Eva Mabel Cook. The wedding cards bear the announcement, At home, Wednesdays in December, Norway, Me.

ALBION—LAMB.

Rev. J. F. Albion, Kappa, '87, pastor of the Universalist Society in Fitchburg, Mass., was married on Nov. 28th to Miss Alice M. Lamb. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's sister in Worcester, Mass.

WEBSTER—HINCKLEY.

The Norwich (Conn.) *Evening Record* of Oct. 8, 1892, contains the following: "One of the most brilliant weddings that has occurred in this city for a considerable while was solemnized this morning at the Broadway church, the contracting parties being William R. Webster, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Susie W. Hinckley, daughter of Mrs. E. C. Hinckley of this city. Rev. L. Pratt, D. D., was the officiating clergyman. Directly after the ceremony was performed the newly married couple was driven to the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. C. Hinckley, where a short reception was held.

The ushers were Mr. Harry Kent of New York, Dr. Luzerne Coville of Brooklyn, N. Y., Robert C. Townsend of Oyster Bay, L. I., and Rutger Jewett of New York. A large number of invited guests from this city, New York, Brooklyn and other cities attended the wedding.

Mr. Webster is manager of the Aluminum brass and bronze foundry, a large concern of Bridgeport."

Bro. Webster, Beta, '90, spent a brief honeymoon at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., but is now settled in his new home at Fairport, Conn.

PARDEE—PERINE.

The following extract from the *Omaha Bee*, relating to the marriage of Bro. J. H. Pardee, Psi, '89, will be of interest :

"The marriage of Miss Grace West Perine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Perine, and Mr. John Herbert Pardee, at the residence of the parents of the bride, 1930 Dodge street, last evening, was a singularly pleasant event. Rev. Thomas C. Hall, of Chicago, one of the noted divines of the World's Fair city, performed the ceremony, which was made additionally felicitous by the happy words addressed to the contracting parties.

"The wedding took place in the library, the large bow window being changed into a shrine of love by hundreds of palms artistically banked, with smilax forming a canopy over the improvised altar. Here, there and everywhere, pink and white carnations added their fragrance and their beauty to the scene.

"At 7:30 the bridal party entered through the drawing-room, Miss Mary Wood and Miss Hettie Denise leading the procession and suspending the ribbons; they were followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Sadie Perine and Miss Margaret Williams; then came two dainty little children, Mary and Gertrude Schermerhorn, cousins of the bride, and lastly the bride and groom.

"After the ceremony the bridal party entered the dining room and later received the congratulations of a host of well-known people who had come out to add their presence to a very beautiful occasion. At 11:30 Mr. and Mrs. Pardee left for Chicago, and after a few days will go on to Buffalo, the home of Mr. Pardee, who is a well-known attorney of that city.

"After November 1 Mr. and Mrs. Pardee will be at home at 586 Breck-enridge street, Buffalo."

Correspondence.

As many letters are received which are best communicated to the readers of the SHIELD in their natural condition, this department has been organized. Letters are invited on any subject of interest to the Fraternity. Suggestions or opinions on current fraternity topics and reminiscences, or personal history of any Theta Delt, will be welcomed. The opinions advanced are not necessarily approved by the editor. Everyone is permitted to speak his mind.

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DEAR BROTHER :—Herein enclosed please find draft (§7) covering Catalogue and SHIELD, present volume, subscription.

Since August I have been toiling the regulation eight hours per diem in the laboratory of the Illinois Steel Company, at South Chicago—prospects excellent and work interesting. You will notice the change in my address as indicated at the head of this scratch. Any Theta Delt doing the Fair next spring may be assured of a hearty welcome, a square meal, a good cigar and a shake-down at the above-mentioned “joint” from

Yours fraternally,

C. B. SPRUCE.

DAMASCUS, SYRIA, Oct. 31, 1892.

MY DEAR BRO. HOLMES :—I wonder if when you receive this letter you will remember that at the above named date you felt your right ear tingle. I presume you have often heard when a youth that if you were blamed in your absence your left ear tingled, while if you were praised the converse was true. I am led to make this remark by reason of a talk in reference to yourself which took place between two Theta Delt's this morning, in the long bazaar (in this most ancient of cities) which leads into the street still called “Straight,” (Acts ix, 11). Perhaps I should premise the foregoing by stating that on arriving at Port Said (Egypt) three weeks ago, I found to my disgust that all persons coming from Europe or Egypt and entering Palestine had just been declared by the Turkish government to be subject to a quarantine of five days. Of course I abandoned for a time all thought of visiting the Holy Land, but becoming very tired of Egypt, I concluded to undergo the ordeal of the quarantine.

As good fortune would have it, I happened to meet on board of the steamer going to Beyrout the only party of Americans visiting Palestine this fall. Decidedly the most companionable and the most gentlemanly

person in that party I found to be a clergyman by the name of Charles L. Goodell, of Boston, Mass. On landing at Beyrout he and I visited the famous Presbyterian college founded by the Dodge family of New York. Last evening I told him that while being shown the medical department of the college I said to one of the professors, wearing both a Phi Beta Kappa key and a Psi U. diamond, that I, pointing to the Phi Beta Kappa key, used to wear one of those emblems, when to my astonishment he grabbed my hand, and gave me what I used to consider when a college boy, was the Psi Upsilon grip, evidently misunderstanding my remark. Before I could explain the mistake the professor left me. Mr. Goodell laughed very heartily when I told this incident to him, and the idea occurred to me that he must be a college fraternity man. This morning when we were riding together through the above mentioned bazaar I asked him if such were not the case, and to my astonishment he replied, "Yes, I am a graduate of Boston University and a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity." He subsequently added that he was a charter member of the charge. He was equally surprised when I turned to him and said, "Old man, shake." It is needless to add that we were both, or at least I was, exceedingly pleased. He is a fervent member of our order and the pastor of one of the most prominent Methodist Episcopal churches in the United States.

When in Paris I met Mortimer C. Addoms and President Mapes, of our club in New York City. I desire to say in this connection that all of the graduates I have met recently are very pronounced in complimenting the Grand Lodge for its efficient work during the two years last past. The emphatic opinion is expressed that our society has made a tremendous stride in advance during that period of time.

I expect to take a two weeks trip, beginning to-morrow morning, on horseback to Jerusalem, thence to Jaffa, subsequently returning to Cairo.

I visited while at the last named place the greatest of its pyramids, and where Bro. Franklin Burdge found in its innermost room the letters O Δ and X, but have reserved until this coming visit the pleasure of going inside the huge structure, and re-discovering those Greek characters which are so full of meaning to all worshipers at our shrine. I shall look for a copy of the SHIELD at Howard's Hotel, Jerusalem.

Very truly yours in the bonds,

WILLIS S. PAINE.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER HOLMES:—I endorse most cordially all that Franklin Burdge says at page 408 of the SHIELD. The June number is altogether the best college publication of its kind that has ever been printed.

Perhaps the correction is not of importance, but (page 141) for "Brother Stone brought" should be substituted "Brother Stetson brought," and

for "chair (Brother Stone)" should be substituted "chair (Brother Burdge)".

And by the way I have discovered on the ceiling of the largest of the tombs of the kings, which are much more ancient than the pyramids of Ghiza (or any of the pyramids) the same emblem, $\Theta \perp X$, that Franklin Burdge discovered when he visited Egypt.

On page 418 you speak about advertisements. Permit me to say that long ago Mapes and I discussed your proposed plan of discarding "ads," and we were decidedly of the opinion that while your motives were entitled to the highest praise, your fraternity feeling was probably carrying you too far, but of course the project was an experiment, the feasibility of which time only would determine. Here in Jerusalem Dr. Goodell and I talked over this topic, and he maintained, without reference to the pecuniary result, it was a positive detriment to the society to omit the "ads" because e. g. oftentimes we might be at a loss to know where to procure reliable fraternity goods. The "ads" are not bound with the magazine. The best, even the most religious journals, are only too glad to obtain reputable "ads." For a while the *New York Ledger* contained no "ads"; now Bonner's sons pay a friend of mine \$3,500 yearly to manage its advertising department. I have oftentimes thought in looking over the "ads" in *Harpers* and the *Century* that they were much more interesting than most of the articles. However you have the "laboring oar" and are the one to decide. The concluding sentence in the article on page 492 is exceedingly unpleasant to read, and the SHIELD seven-eighths advertisements would be very much preferable to its demise.

Hoping you are well and happy I am,

Very truly yours,

WILLIS S. PAINE.



Editorial.

THE forty-sixth Annual Convention has become a matter of history. Like all Conventions it was remarkable in some particulars and quite ordinary in others. Boston is famous as a centre for Theta Deltas and it therefore goes without saying that the convention was well attended. Perhaps the numbers were not more than those who attended the last one but there was this difference, the largest part of the representation consisted of younger graduates and active members. New York somehow seems to draw more of the older men. The records as published show that the business was largely of a routine nature. No vital issues were at stake. The fraternity is enjoying a degree of prosperity previously unknown in its history and all its affairs were in such condition that there was no need for special legislation. The first session was devoted entirely to the presentation of the customary reports. The second gave signs of time spent in useless debate but it did not last long. The delegates settled down to business and from that time until the close of the Convention all was harmony. At the close of the second day no further business appearing, the Convention adjourned *sine die*. The detailed account which appears in this number is more perfect than usual as the entire proceedings were taken by a stenographer. Bro. Rob't VanInderstine did good work both in the Convention and at the banquet.

ONCE again the fraternity passes into the control of an entirely new set of officers. It is not for our pen to record the success of the retiring Grand Lodge. Its junior members who were obliged to retire by the statute of limitation have done excellent work. Nothing but praise for the good record exhibited was heard on every side. The President declined to be considered a candidate for re-election owing to the pressure

of private business duties. The work of the past year was a severe tax upon his strength and he felt obliged to give it up. No fears need be entertained by any that the interests of the fraternity will suffer by the change, the new President is a man of sterling ability, possessing a keen insight into the needs of college students. He lives in a college town and has for years kept in touch with the boys. In fact he might be called the god-father of the Psi charge. He is fitted by experience for the work which will fall to his lot and we have no hesitation in predicting a successful career. The Junior members are well fitted to do the active work. The policy of the new administration will be in entire harmony with that of the retiring Grand Lodge. Every charge should strive to aid them in their work and thus contribute to the prosperity of the fraternity at large.

THE SHIELD report revealed the fact that the year's record was not so satisfactory as that of the past year. The cold cash contributed by advertisements was lacking, which goes to make up the balance of power. After discussion the convention decided that it would be advisable to restore the advertisements. It was voted that the next volume be open to advertisers. The editor has discovered that while patriotism is a good thing in itself, it failed to procure in this instance any substantial reward for the many hours of hard labor bestowed upon the work. So far as he is individually concerned it matters little as the work was taken up not as a financial undertaking but to put the SHIELD upon a paying basis so that some other person might take it and be able to maintain it and receive also a remuneration for service rendered. As an independent journal it is self supporting but that is all. With the addition of some good advertisements at paying rates it at once enables the editor to draw a fair salary. On this ground we recede from the position we held from principle and shall return to the practice of inserting ads with our next issue. The editor has but one more year to serve to complete the work he undertook when he guaranteed to maintain the SHIELD for five years and keep it free from debt. So far

the pledge has been more than kept and the report of the five years' work which will be rendered to the next Convention will show a handsome balance unless our predictions fail. We wish it understood that our experiment was not a failure, but rather inexpedient under the prospect of the journal changing hands with the close of the next volume.

At the beginning of the last official year the President of the Grand Lodge offered a prize of twenty-five dollars to the Corresponding Secretary who should do the best work during the year, all things considered, and a prize of fifteen dollars to the second best. In the progress of the year's work it became apparent that Emory M. Wilson of the Beta and Charles Albertson of the Phi were running a close race for the pennant. In analyzing their work both are on a par as regards composition and fluency. In the matter of penmanship Bro. Wilson was somewhat superior, therefore to him was awarded the honor of the first prize, with a close follower in Bro. Albertson who, while taking second prize, really has quite as much honor in the distinction as Bro. Wilson. Believing that the merit shown in the year's work would be better rewarded by an election to the position of Secretary of the Grand Lodge, than by the payment of a cash prize the President took upon himself the liberty of presenting Bro. Wilson's name to the fraternity as a deserving candidate for that position. While the move was criticized very openly by certain members of the Convention, the writer has nothing to regret in his action. Not a word was spoken on the subject to the delegates. All that was said on the subject was put on paper and submitted to every charge, so that no accusation of political trickery or electioneering could be made. In doing it we felt that the fraternity would be benefited thereby. We extend to Bro. Wilson our congratulations upon his work and the flattering manner in which he was elected to membership in the Grand Lodge. To Bro. Albertson we extend our check for fifteen dollars, with congratulations upon his extremely satisfactory work and bear witness to the fact that it would have afforded us

just as much pleasure to have presented his name for membership in the Grand Lodge, but unfortunately the Psi charge has been recognized so frequently in that body that she was not entitled to further recognition and will not be for some time to come.

THE Convention has placed the fraternity on record as not wishing to take any part in the college fraternities exhibit at the World's fair. Assuming the same attitude the fraternity congress will not be participated in by the fraternity. The editor was appointed a member of the advisory board of this congress, but declined to accept on the ground of personal inability to serve. It will be presumed by the editor that the question is now settled, and hereafter no mention need be made of the subject in our pages.

IN retiring from the executive chair of the fraternity we desire to express our gratification for the hearty support which has been accorded during our two years of service, by the charges and graduate brothers alike, also our appreciation of the desire on the part of the convention to continue the honor. It was with feelings of regret that we felt it necessary on account of personal disability to decline a re-election. The work is delightful in many ways while burdensome in others. We are content since the choice of the Convention can not fail to result in greater prosperity to the fraternity than might have been its lot had no change been made.

SOME of the Greek editors have of late disparaged the publication of biographies upon one pretext or another which did not seem to be well founded. Without going into the merits of the question we would mildly suggest that those who do not desire "to cumber their otherwise interesting journals" with biographies of their celebrated men can find the easiest solution of the problem in the omission from their periodicals of such articles. As for the SHIELD, we regard it as a desirable method of doing permanent honor to worthy members whose

lives thus go on record as matters of history for subsequent generations. If at any time readers of the SHIELD grow tired of the matter contained in its pages they have but to speak and a change will be made. We are doubly glad to present in this number the portrait and life history of a man whom Theta Delta Chi has delighted to honor for many years. The subject had been selected long before it was dreamed that he would be the recipient of the high honors which the Convention so unanimately bestowed upon him. Under the circumstances it is exceedingly appropriate.

We are glad to present in this number a very interesting letter from Bro. Paine. It might be made the text for a sermon on a practice which prevails to a great extent in our fraternity. We refer to the careless or hasty giving of the grip in any public place. We have often noted the dismay which has been indicated on the countenance of many a young brother who has endeavored to give us the grip in public places, as it has been our rule never to reciprocate at such times. Too much care can not be exercised in this matter. In the present case the mistake of the gentleman referred to, if one was made, is perfectly safe with Bro. Paine, but it might not be in all cases. We caution the old as well as the young members to exercise the greatest discretion in giving the grip to any one on a hasty greeting. Be sure that you are right first. Remember also that in the lobby of a hotel or on the street where others are in close proximity it is well to be very careful as you can not tell how many eyes are turned your way.

It must be a fact patent to all that the majority of our members will visit the World's Fair at some time during the summer. Some arrangement should be made for a gathering of the clan. Why not appoint a Theta Delt week and have a rousing good time all by ourselves? We await suggestions. Let the Chicago brothers suggest what, in their minds, would be the most feasible date and plan for a gathering. We should have some headquarters where we can be sure to find anyone.

Mail could be addressed there and many other arrangements made for the convenience and enjoyment of the brothers. Let each one write his ideas to the SHIELD so that some plan may be hit upon.

THIS number closes Volume Eight. We have given much more matter during the year than was contemplated and have as a consequence more than filled our contract. For the year to come we can not promise as much. Four hundred pages of solid reading is an ample equivalent for two dollars, without much if any recompense to the editor. Volume Nine will probably be the last in which the present management will be interested directly. With the close of that year our promise to the Convention of 1889 will have been fulfilled. Whether we shall be willing to continue at the helm for any further period will depend entirely upon the fraternity. If the subscription list can be increased by the addition of a large number of names, then we will feel that the boys are interested and will be entirely willing to continue. If, however, the same apathy which has overshadowed us in the past continues, then it will be resigned to other hands without a question. To those who are now subscribers the gentle hint is thrown out that all subscriptions expire with this issue and it is now in order at any time to send in the little two dollar remembrance. Don't wait to have a bill sent. Remit promptly for the new volume.

THE SHIELD pleads guilty to being a few weeks delinquent. We have been glad to receive numerous evidences of the anxiety with which subscribers look for the appearance of the SHIELD. For the past two weeks the mail has been largely composed of inquiries as to when the SHIELD had been or would be sent. The delay has been entirely owing to the length of time necessary for Bro. Van Iderstine to transcribe the voluminous proceedings of the Convention and the banquet speeches. At last they were received and the copy at once sent to the printer. No one would realize how much labor was involved, and to one not regularly employed in that

way the amount of matter was overwhelming. Bro. Van Iderstine only devotes himself to stenography incidentally, but after many urgings consented to report the Convention. If he attends to and succeeds as well in his chosen profession, the law, as he did in making a good report of the Convention, he will soon become famous at the bar. The readers of the SHIELD will be repaid for waiting. The job was prodigious and no time was lost.

ON another page will be found a notice of the Chicago banquet which will be held January 13th. Every brother in Chicago and vicinity should certainly be present to renew the fires of his youth and get into touch with the great national move of the coming year. This will be a good time to talk over what the Chicago boys desire to do in the matter of helping along the reunion which we should have there during the summer. It seems to be the unanimous opinion that the fraternity should "go it alone," and it will be proper to go it strong, so get in your good work at this banquet.

IN addition to the published letters from Bro. Paine we have received several of a more personal nature, and in connection with them a number of pictures and other souvenirs which we prize very highly. Bro. Paine is at present sojourning in Jerusalem. He will devote considerable time to Egypt and the Pyramids. We hope to have another letter from him in time for the next number.

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed whereby any brother who may desire to procure a fraternity flag can be accommodated. There are several sizes—3x6 at \$3; 6x12 at \$8; 10x20 at \$17. Intermediate sizes in proportion can be supplied if desired. If any of the charges wish to procure one write to the SHIELD for further particulars. The same parties can supply other regalia also. The editor will be glad to supply information to any one on the subject.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

THE WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT.

In the November number of *The College Fraternity* Editor Randolph quotes our remarks in the last SHIELD and comments as follows:

"We would like to know where Mr. Holmes ran up against this idea. If he has discovered traces of the African—borne probably on the breeze—he will do a noble act by buckling on his "shield" and killing the intruder off with one sure thrust of his trusty blade. We believe that Mr. Holmes is entirely wrong. We believe that if Theta Delta Chi persists in the determination not to "take part in the scheme," its policy will be very narrow-minded and illiberal. Look at the matter from a broad, liberal standpoint. The fraternity system is essentially American and a well recognized and permanent factor in the college world. Such being the fact, it is most appropriate for fraternities to have a just representation at the great Exposition of 1893. To be thoroughly effective, the participation should be *unanimous*. To say that "it has developed into a political scheme to boom the weaker societies at the expense of the leading fraternities," savors rather of ignorance than anything else. Everything that has been done, so far as we have learned, has borne the stamp of equality and justice. For the interest of the fraternity world we hope Theta Delta Chi will recede from her ill-chosen position and do her share toward making the movement the success it should be."

We desire to be understood as not wishing to cast any reflections upon any person or fraternity in whatever our pen may record on this subject. Our spectacles are not green. Theta Delta Chi has enough to think of and be proud over within her own borders. We have no desire to set ourselves up to be gazed at or admired by other fraternities or the great American and foreign public. We were led to make a statement which might better have been left unmade, not that our opinion has changed, but because we have no desire to throw cold water on the earnest efforts of the enthusiastic men who have fathered this move. Our conception of the fraternity idea is not such as to allow it to be exposed to the rude gaze of the public. As the professional man is barred by ethics from public advertis-

ing for the purpose of securing business, so fraternity ethics would seem to bar any high class fraternity from catering for public favor. Just as aptly might any eminent physician put on exhibition photographs of his successful surgical appliances, and testimonials. All great expositions are literally advertising schemes. Eliminate the exhibits which are placed purely for direct pecuniary benefit to the owners, and no fair would draw a corporal's guard. It does not seem necessary to defend our position by answering in detail the statements made by our Beta Theta Pi friend. Theta Delta Chi seems to have *considerable* company in her "ill-chosen position." The last Convention considered the question carefully. The voluminous correspondence received by the Grand Lodge was presented to a committee for consideration, together with reports of meetings held by the exhibit committee. The Convention discussed the question after their committee reported and expressed a very emphatic opinion when it voted unanimously to lay the whole subject on the table. This action is not necessarily a reflection on the movement. Other fraternities have the inherent right to act for themselves as they please, separately or together. The aim of Theta Delta Chi still continues to be the improvement of her general condition, with malice toward none and courteous respect for the sacredness of the "fraternity ideal."

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

The SHIELD has of late maintained a silence on the question of athletics, because being the popular theme of the day, anything said against it would be doomed to an unkindly reception by its readers. The wail of a Theta Delt father rouses anew a desire to record our opposition to the barbarous practice of the present day. We would not condemn athletics. Far from it. We deplore the degeneration of the useful college athletics of twenty years ago which have gradually been absorbing the entire interest of college students until to-day the name athletics is but a misnomer. The desire seems to be to forsake the gymnasium and go forth seeking colleges to conquer. Faculties and students alike appear to enter into the spirit of

rivalry, and the team which can vanquish all others becomes heroic for the honor and the college or university represented by the victors is advertised extensively. No thought seems to enter the mind of either faculty or students of possible injuries which are likely to follow as a natural sequence. Football may be an interesting game. It is certainly a very exciting one when played with the vim which characterizes any contest when both sides are determined to win. The daily press is filled just now with accounts of the famous games and intense excitement pervades the entire community. What is the record? A good brother who has a son in college writes as follows:

"My boy at ——— college made quite a record as a foot-ball player last Saturday, covering himself all over with mud and glory, and saving the college from the dishonor of not winning a game this season. The game seems to me, however, to savor of barbarous times and I prefer less honor and more of decent regard for the amenities of life. The players in this instance were so covered with mud that they were unrecognizable and several were disabled and will have to be laid up for repairs for a while. Can't the SHIELD say a word against these barbarities?"

In a two column associated press article on the Yale-Harvard game at Springfield the whole matter is summed up in these few words:

"But the end came, and Harvard had to succumb. Not, however, until irreparable injury had been done to her ranks through injuries to Emmons and Upton. Both men retired near the end of the second half."

And so it is with nine out of every ten games, whether played by college men or school boys. Always the same old story. Some poor fellow gets hurt and has to suffer for life. But that does not matter. He got his injury in a good (?) cause. During the weary weeks or months of his confinement he has ample time in which to mourn over his misfortune, while the rest forget his injury in their anxiety again to expose themselves to the same danger. No lesson seems severe enough to check them in their mad career. Chancellor Sims, who has been severely scored by some hot-headed college editors for his seeming lack of interest in college athletics expressed the true idea of what should constitute college athletics when he said in a recent interview:

"The faculty as a whole have always taken a lively interest, sometimes amounting to positive enthusiasm, in college athletics, and have shown a great deal of college spirit in their hearty accord with the action of the students in general college sports. This feeling, however, has always been tempered more or less by a dislike for any game or exercise which tends to hurt or weaken the students either mentally or physically, such as the game of foot-ball, for instance. This feeling has been rendered even more emphatic lately by the fact that one of the most promising sophomores of our Fine Art college has been obliged to resort to crutches for the last six weeks as the result of a severe accident in a foot-ball game in the early part of the season. The faculty at all times are gratified by any well directed display of college spirit and enthusiasm and have a keen appreciation of the good effect of any such movement on the part of the students in binding them closer together and making them more loyal to their alma mater."

Foot-ball might be relieved of some of its dangers if it could be played moderately. This is impossible from the very nature of the game, therefore there is but one escape and that is through the opposition of the college faculty. The intensity of the athletic spirit as it commonly exists is suicidal to the developing of any student. Too much athletics and too little study will not tend to better his condition or advance his grade. Laying aside any consideration of the educational part of a college career it is every student's duty to himself, as well as the parents who pay his way, to consider his future. Is he in college simply to cripple himself for life and saddle himself upon his friends for support, or to shorten the life which has been given him for a noble purpose? Has he no other aim than to excel in the brutality which is the crowning feature of every foot-ball match? Pause and take a sober thought. College athletics were originally devised to strengthen and build up the physical form by moderate exercise in gymnastics or any game not calculated to result in injury to the person, such a condition being more conducive to mental strength and advancement. We counsel every college student as a friend, we appeal to your better judgment and beg of you as brothers not to sacrifice your strength and future happiness in a struggle for superiority in such a brutal game as foot-ball. We leave the subject for the present, with the following stanza taken from a recent number of *The Campus*:

The sunlight falls on stuffed foot-balls
 And sanguined 'levens fierce and gory;
 The long light shakes over frauds and fakes,
 And undergraduates howl for glory.
 Kick, cullies, kick,
 Send the big sphere a-flying;
 Answer, cripples,
 Dying, dying, dying.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The attention of all Greek letter societies has been directed to the University of Chicago, as a possible field for the establishment of chapters at an early day. For some time there has been much speculation as to what action would be taken by the faculty. A meeting of the students was recently held in the chapel of Cobb Hall and Dr. Harper addressed them at length on the subject.

He read the following platform, which expresses the opinion of the faculty :

"The faculty deems the establishment of secret societies in the University of Chicago to be undesirable. In its judgment the ends sought by these societies so far as they are laudable may be secured by other means, which should be free from the objections of secrecy, of rigid exclusiveness, and of antagonism to the democratic spirit which is inherent to the highest scholarship and manhood, and the most exalted citizenship, and it would be deeply gratified if the high purpose and lofty feeling of the body of students will lead them to co-operate with it by voluntarily excluding everything that makes against a broadly fraternal spirit and a primary concern with the intellectual aims for which the University of Chicago was founded."

Dr. Harper then went on to say that although the faculty strongly advised that the fraternities should not be organized, yet they would not prohibit them. If they did exist, however, they must be subject to the following regulations, which had been unanimously adopted at a recent meeting of the faculty, after careful consideration :

CONDITIONS OF EXISTENCE.

1.—Each chapter organized must submit its house rules to the faculty for approval.

2.—Each must appoint a representative with whom the faculty may confer at such times as may be desirable.

3.—Membership in the societies must be restricted to students of the second year Academic College and students of the University Colleges.

4.—The University reserves the right to withdraw from chapters permission to exist in the University.

5.—The faculty is authorized to add any regulations which they think wise in consistency with the above.

Whether the fraternities will consent to these restrictions or decline to establish chapters remains to be seen. Several societies have already entered. Beta Theta Pi has six members; Sigma Chi, four; Phi Kappa Psi, five. Psi Upsilon is just on the point of entering; Delta Kappa Epsilon also has made a move. The most of the men initiated are freshmen. What action the faculty will take in regard to them has not yet developed.

The rules in themselves do not seem so objectionable as the spirit of opposition and distrust by which they are animated. It is not probable that President Harper and the small majority of the faculty who agree with him on this point consider themselves able to suspend the operation of a natural law, that would be working a miracle. They might as well command the University buildings to be cast into Lake Michigan as to undertake to prevent the workings of that law, which on account of a more or less subtle affinity for each other draws men together in cliques either large or small. If it is not upon the basis which governs fraternity selection, it will be upon some other, and very possibly a less worthy one.

In the same vein a clergyman has been recently quoted as saying, "The conservative, selective element in college fraternities is a sad hindrance toward the development of the broad, universal Christian feeling which should exist among college students as a whole, and owing to this the fraternity is detrimental to the general good." The reverend doctor above quoted and President Harper no doubt alike acknowledge in theory one broad universal church, in which all are brethren, but in all probability that does not diminish the enthusiasm of either for his own particular denomination, whose creed is his creed, whose liturgy or no liturgy suits his temperament and

tastes, whose theological disputes are his disputes, and whose members are more especially his "brothers" than the members of any other church, though he doubts not for a moment that all have the same end in view. It is just possible that they may share with Canon Farrar and many other distinguished clergymen the opinion that the Salvation Army are doing a valuable work for the world, but that does not lead them to beat a big drum on the highway, or dance on the street corners with a tambourine, though the "broadly fraternal spirit" on which the church is founded, if applied with the same rigidity with which they make the application to university life, would require it. In the covenant taken by members of a certain famous church is a question like this: "Do you feel drawn toward us by an intelligent desire to share with us our experience of life?" This is the principle of fraternity selection, if judiciously made. It is the desire and the ability to share in this experience of life which really determines a man's fitness for membership in a fraternity, and if a man is not fortunate enough to possess this, no amount of opposition to fraternity exclusiveness on the part of faculties can bring him into closer relations with his fellow students.

Granting for the sake of argument that the restrictions are wisely placed, it may be that the high-class fraternities may be able to reconcile the situation and possibly prove it a good thing. It might have a decidedly healthy effect on many societies if such regulations existed in all colleges. Looking at the rules in detail, the first is not objectionable, as any house having rules which they would not exhibit to a faculty is not in a healthy moral condition and needs looking after. The appointment of a representative to confer with the faculty would put the faculty in closer touch with the fraternities. By such intimate contact the tone of all fraternities would be improved and their primary object more effectually accomplished.

The restriction of membership to the second academic year probably means that no one shall be admitted during the freshman year—but not as it really cites, that sophomores only shall be members, which would imply a cessation of active membership at the end of that year. There may be wisdom in

requiring a year's probation. We are not prepared to endorse it without further thought, however. If the reservation of the right to withdraw any chapter implies that they would only withdraw it for good cause, no honorable objection can be made to it.

Any regulations added subsequent to the establishment of chapters should not be offensively partisan. In fact it seems that the first four already adopted would cover every case. What the practical working of the plan will be can not be at this writing surmised. It is certainly an innovation which will not be acceptable to all.

THE SMALL COLLEGE AGAIN.

In an article entitled "A Greek Play on the Prairies," the September *Review of Reviews* champions the cause of the small colleges in this fashion :

"It is time that allusions to our noble series of endowed colleges should cease to be apologetic. And it is high time that the pretensions of the large colleges to superiority in undergraduate work should be sharply repudiated. The principal task of our American colleges is to make men. Breadth of view, discipline of mind, elevation of moral tone, devotion to the social and public well-being, fitness for an honorable and useful career in life—these are the chief objects of a college training. Vast endowments, vast libraries, vast scientific collections and a great number of professors may be very essential parts of the university in the large sense; but they are not by any means so essential to the success of the college. The little university city of Aberdeen, with comparatively meager resources, can afford a Scotch youth just as good a college training as can the great university city of Oxford, with its wealth of appliances. In like manner, there are small colleges, and a very considerable number of them, scattered throughout this country, from Maine to California, that can give the young American student as good, and possibly a better, college training than he could obtain at one of the group of numerically large institutions which have been permitted to assume a tone of superiority. In the small college there is a personal contact between students and instructors, from the freshman to the senior year, that is quite impossible in the large colleges. If the small college can not expect to command the service of the most distinguished specialists for its professorships, on the other hand it will readily secure a teaching body of studious and thoughtful men, of much higher fitness in every sense for their work of instruction than the group of perfunctory tutors

and assistants under whom young students must often be obliged to sit in the overgrown college camps that boast of the great number of their undergraduates."

We may say what we will of American commercialism, and indifference to the higher education except as a money making factor, the very existence of so many small colleges proves an underlying sentiment of an entirely different nature. It would be interesting to know how many of these institutions have been endowed by men, who, having had no college training, resolved that others should enjoy what they had missed. We venture the assertion that the number would be surprisingly large. We also venture the further assertion that the number of young men and women pursuing a college course is always proportionately greater in the vicinity of a school with which the people are familiar, and in which they have local pride. There are scores of small colleges with meagre endowments, boasting perhaps no distinguished names on their faculties, which have yet kept the idea of the higher education before the minds of the people in their own localities to a degree which would have been impossible had this idea been represented to them only by an institution of which many had heard but vaguely, and never expected to see. But the college in their own town was a different matter. That their children should go there seemed perfectly feasible, when entering an institution five hundred or a thousand miles away would not have been considered a moment.

That the advantages offered by the great universities are desirable no one will deny, but only a few can avail themselves of them. The bent of American genius is, if the best is not within reach to make the most of what can be obtained.

YALE'S SOCIETY TROUBLE.

The following clippings would indicate that the recent accident at New Haven had not put a quietus on the former practices at Yale. The *New York Times* of Nov. 1 says:

"The Junior societies D. K. E. and Psi U. are again in trouble with the faculty. Last summer, after the death of Rustin, from injuries received while being initiated, the faculty were disposed to abolish the

junior societies. The edict was only avoided by the adoption of resolutions by the societies that hereafter the initiation should consist of the administration* of the fraternity oath alone. Two weeks ago a candidate to be initiated into D. K. E. was led blindfolded through the streets. This was reported to the faculty, with the result that D. K. E. was given its option of being abolished, becoming an open club, or of permitting a member of the faculty to attend each meeting, the meetings not to continue after midnight when refreshments are served. D. K. E. has not yet acted.

The incident has renewed discussion of the plan broached some time ago to turn the junior fraternities into open clubs. As fraternities they have practically ceased to exist, being little more than Tuesday night social clubs, with little of the element of secrecy. It is argued that as open clubs they could build club houses or dormitories for their members and thus better attain the only purpose which they now serve.

The *World* of the same date gives a similar item. It would seem that the public now had a hand in the deal. This will give the faculty additional strength and reform is sure to result sooner or later.

By the kindness of Bro. F. I. Valdes, of New York, we have come into possession of one of the old 1867 Catalogues. This enables us to offer one complete set of catalogues. The first and second (1875) neatly bound in one volume will be sent to the first brother who applies. The price is \$10. Some copies of the 1875 Catalogue can be furnished at \$5 each.

BRO. Edwin A. Start, of Tufts College, Mass., would like to obtain a copy of No. 3, Vol, VI., September, 1890. Any brother who can supply it will confer a favor by writing to him.

Exchange Cleanings.

[Our exchanges are requested to send two copies of their journal to the SHIELD at Elmira, N. Y., and one copy to Prof. A. G. Benedict, Clinton, N. Y. In exchange we will send three copies wherever requested.]

All exchanges are requested to note change in caption. Send two copies to the editor at Elmira and one copy to A. G. Benedict, Clinton, N. Y. Please note on your mailing list.

Several times we have been tempted to adopt the prevailing custom of other journals and leave out exchange comments altogether or only give them in one number during the year. The solid satisfaction with which we read Exchange notes in other journals, and the testimony received from numerous readers of the SHIELD, who seem to enjoy this department quite as much as any other and urge its retention, has decided the question and we still continue to give the impressions received from the productions of our co-laborers. The field of fraternity journalism has been augmented since our last issue by the appearance of a new journal. An advance notice was prepared for the September number but the printer lost his copy and its absence was not discovered till too late to remedy it. This is an apology to the new neighbor for our silence. *The College Fraternity* is the name of the new aspirant for recognition by fraternity men in general. It is a monthly production edited by Eugene H. L. Randolph, formerly editor of the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*. The business management is in the hands of Frederick M. Crossett the veteran editor who for nearly nine years has given Delta Upsilon a most valuable journal, which he now resigns for the greater work. The first number of the *College Fraternity* appeared in October. Its characteristic beauty and neatness which is fully maintained in the November issue, plainly indicates that its managers ap-

preciate the importance of neatness in externals. It is entirely plain in its make up but has an air of refinement about it which is decidedly refreshing. The object of this journal is to give a resume of the happenings in all fraternities. Reports of conventions and other matters of interest find a prominent place. Editorials on timely topics and copious extracts from all the fraternity journals constitute the bulk of the matter. The fraternity world has long felt the need of a journal of general information on subjects of common interest and our curiosity was aroused. The first number was eagerly looked for as we were much in doubt as to whether the journal would fill the place which it promised. A careful examination of the two numbers leads us to assert that the fraternity world has a valuable acquisition to its literature. If the *College Fraternity* does not wander from its present path, it will certainly fill the want and become deservedly popular. The first number could hardly be expected to be self satisfying, as much extra labor entered into its construction. The November issue settles right down to business and gives some excellent matter, selections from the different periodicals and accounts of four National Conventions. The most interesting department perhaps is "Reviews." The editor explains his position in the following words :

"In the field of fraternity journalism, the exchange department is the most valuable feature, considered from a general point of view. It mirrors the fraternity world and brings it within the radius of those whose vision is limited by force of situation or circumstance. This class includes the entire fraternity world with the exception of the very few whose official position brings them into action on the stage of general fraternity affairs.

News items are often dry, easy to forget and give little permanent impress. Too often they go the rounds of the Greek press, and when without date, one does not know but that the so-called "news" item is a year old. It frequently is. The only way to know what a fraternity is actually doing and how it keeps abreast with the times is to read every issue of its journal. For all to do this is thoroughly out of the question. The task is delegated by the fraternity to its editor, and, in his department of exchanges, he summarizes and condenses. The exchange department in many fraternity journals is a spasmodic affair. Too often it is crowded out as other valuable matter is crowded out. When it does command an entrance, the accumulated matter is beyond the power of

the space at hand. We think it will be conceded that exchanges in the average Greek journal receive but a shabby semblance of hospitality.

The editor of a prominent fraternity journal published in the east has written a strong letter to the management of this magazine on this subject. He says, in part, 'I note that of late most of the journals have rather dropped the exchange notices. A journal like yours, containing a full resume and criticism of all the different journals published would make it of interest to all the fraternities for the purpose of getting in one journal the make up of all the journals and criticism thereon.'

This publication means to follow this suggestion in its essential feature. Our exchange department will be rather a department of reviews than of criticism. We will endeavor in each number to present a resume of all current issues with a particular view to features of general interest. We believe that such a plan can be made to become of much value in the general fraternity world and we will strive to accomplish the object in such a manner as will merit general approval."

Following this is a lengthy resume of the important features of all the journals, the most interesting collection we have seen, and very instructive. Some idea of its extent may be found by noting the fact that the review of the September SHIELD occupies four pages. It seems hardly necessary to say more about it except to recommend it cordially to every member of Theta Delta Chi who wishes to inform himself about fraternities in general. The great majority do not have access to all the fraternity periodicals and to such the *College Fraternity* would come as a general informer. The subscription price is only \$2, and should be sent to F. M. Crossett, P. O. Box 2887 New York City.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta is nearly half made up of chapter letters, which is not to be wondered at, when we consider that the roll shows forty chapters. Perhaps the article of most general interest is an editorial referring to transfers from one chapter to another. It says :

"Delta Tau Delta is not the only sufferer from this cause which bids fair to increase rather than decrease. But for various reasons, the most important being that there is less complete homogeneity of membership than in older orders, she is likely to suffer more. Specialization will extend to institutions; some like Lehigh and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stevens Polytechnic Institute, devoting themselves almost exclusively to technical education, others retaining the courses intended

to give a general, broad, thorough culture instead of confining themselves to the "practical" courses. Students after a year or two in one college, find they have a taste for some subject or line of work better taught elsewhere, will go to that other place to complete their courses. To any fraternity these transfers would be a source of decided strength or decided weakness. One chapter at the University of Michigan for several years was kept alive by just these transfers. Another chapter of the same rival in another western university has several times "gulped down" unpalatable morsels, and in one instance totally failed to assimilate said morsels to its own discomfort and the amusement of its rivals."

Doubtless this is only a figure of speech, but it would sound as if this chapter were decidedly cannibalistic in its tendencies. The usual impression is that savages of this unpleasant habit, do not, as a rule, "gulp down" the members of their own tribe, but prefer missionaries and other travelers of an inquiring turn of mind. Possibly there was no Pan Hellenic missionary on hand for the diet of this dyspeptic chapter. That the editor has some idea of the remedy, however, is indicated by his closing paragraph, in which he says :

"Against the danger must be pitted eternal vigilance and firmness on the part of supervising authorities and a rigid enforcement of the constitution. When the good time comes, when every chapter of the fraternity will be annually inspected like any military post by some one not connected with the chapter in any way, then there will be a decided improvement all along the line. Transfers will be welcomed instead of dreaded. Homogeneity will be a fact and not an ideal. The ideal of the best chapter will be the ideal of all."

The November number of *Delta* of Sigma Nu contains a long article on the pledging system in vogue at DePauw University, in which the statement is made that not only is "lifting" a man from one fraternity to another considered a barbarism, but "any fraternity which lifted a pledged man would draw down on itself the enmity of the other fraternities here." There is also an account of the establishment of a chapter at Mt. Union College. Beside the usual editorials and chapter letters the number is well filled with fraternity news which cannot help making it a welcome visitor to every member.

The editor of the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta makes in his October number a new revision of the calendar, by the side of which that of Pope Gregory, with its consequent confusion of dates for Columbian celebrations, fades into insignificance. He says "Numerous events have transpired to make us think this is the year Eighteen Hundred and Phi Delta Theta." One reason given for this startling announcement is the fact that each of the great political parties has endeavored to "fortify itself before the American people" by putting in nomination a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ thus making sure, in any event, of a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ administration. Confident therefore of success, flushed with the intoxication of power, the editor of the *Scroll* has already begun revolutionary measures by proclaiming a change in the calendar which we had fondly supposed to be subject only to decree from the Vatican. He should beware how he sows the the seeds of confusion and anarchy. Suppose, for instance, that four years from now, in the year Eighteen Hundred and Something, members of Psi U should be the favored candidates, and proclaim another change, and so on. In a short time we would have a comparative table of eras which would require the endowment of new chairs in all our colleges, and even the editor of the *Scroll* could not tell when Columbus discovered America. Or would he say with all humility,

"In fourteen hundred and Psi U,
Columbus sailed the ocean blue."

In the name of civil service reform, let $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ refrain from "lifting" the calendar.

He does not refer in this connection to the new cover in which the *Scroll* appears for the first time. The color has been changed to a dignified and sober gray, leaving the SHIELD rejoicing in the sole possession of the much maligned "blue cover." The cover design has also been changed, and the appearance of the journal is decidedly creditable to its editor and the fraternity which it represents. In a page and a half the editor presents a "concise statement of the Fraternity's origin, history and standing, for use in the fall campaign for new members." This is an excellent idea, and one worthy of

imitation, for too often our members, while fully convinced of the advantages offered by our fraternity, do not know where to turn at a moment's notice for these facts. In reference to this campaign, while we question the degree to which its spirit has been followed in a society of over 7,000 members, we commend the following advice to every loyal Theta Delt who is looking for material with which to build up his charge.

"At the smallest college on the roll no man must be considered who would not be a worthy member if attending the best institution on the list. The men whom the chapter initiates not only become members of that chapter, but over and above that, are made members of Phi Delta Theta. Membership in the general Fraternity is the greatest privilege offered to him, and for that reason he must be a man who would be esteemed and honored as a Phi if he visited every chapter on the list.

The December number comes promptly to hand with its usual quota of interesting articles. The leader is on the subject of "Chapter Weakness," and from it we take the following:

"A chapter is an established branch for carrying out the aims and policy of its fraternity. It has no aims or purposes at variance with those of its order. It can initiate men, not into itself, but into the fraternity, of which it is a branch. It is a part of the fraternity, and whenever it treats the relations between itself and its order as of little moment, and it attempts to introduce features and to follow aims not contemplated in those of the general order, you can depend upon it the chapter is treading on dangerous ground.

Weakness is inherent in that chapter whose members lack those attributes for the cultivation of which fraternities have been founded. How can a chapter exemplify the social power of a fraternity if its members are minus the social graces? How can it prove itself valuable as an intellectual factor in student life, if its members are below their fellow students in scholastic attainments? How can it have a refining influence unless its members as individuals are characterized by virtues which make them esteemed by the best persons with whom they come in contact?

The contents of the October number of *Kappa Alpha Theta* are somewhat startling. Evidently the editor believes in the Pauline doctrine that the woman should learn from the man, in all meekness, for the leading article is written by a man, and the subject chosen for him by "one of the disappointing

class" is "The Disappointing Thing About Girls." He seems to realize his own temerity, and confines his discussion of the subject simply to the girl in business, but the journal in which he writes is a standing refutation of his argument that the girl in business is a disappointment. The editor of the SHIELD has for some years acted as a sort of godfather to a journal which is edited and published by college girls. Full many a time and oft has he wished that some of the men with whom he has to deal had as clear ideas of what they wanted and, it must be added, paid as promptly, as the girls. But since Kappa Alpha Theta invited the criticism, perhaps it is unnecessary to defend them from it. Several grave matters are dealt with in this number. One contributor discusses the question, "Should Women Enter the Ministry?" and is evidently inclined to answer in the negative. Another, presumably a man from the use of the masculine pronoun, is brave enough to ask, "Should Women Study Medicine?" and his own conclusion is as evidently, No. But the most important article is the memoir of a young woman, who at the time of her early death was instructor in English literature at Wellesley College. It is admirably written, and portrays a character at once so noble and so inspiring that one could wish it might be read by every college girl in the land. So long as the higher education produces such results, the question of its value to women admits of but one answer. We have yet to learn of any business or profession in which it is not possible for women to succeed. We would not be understood as saying that we believe it wise for women to undertake to follow all, but in any profession or business which is congenial and not absolutely antagonistic to popular prejudice, women can succeed abundantly. Greek journalism is a very good example of what girls can do. With such an exhibition who can gauge their strength and power when they reach the full development of womanhood.

The *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega contains a vigorous defence of the fraternity idea, and an equally vigorous arraignment of the carping barbarian, which would be wholesome reading for

the barbs if they only had the chance to read it, the pity is, only the few of them who affect fraternity literature will ever see it.

"Just as ignorant people give to unknown regions strange denizens and mysterious wonders, just as the Romans claimed that hippogriffs and other horrible animals lived in the desert of Sahara, as the writers of mediæval times said that in the unknown East, in the kingdom of Prester John, Amazons and Bragmans, the monstrous ants that dug gold, the fish that yielded purple, the fountain of youth and the salamander were to be found, so now the modern ignoramus speaks concerning things which he knows nothing about, and not being acquainted with true fraternity life he manufactures tales and stories of evil and wickedness which are swallowed with avidity by some who desire to remove the taste of sour grapes from their mouths.

Again and again assaults have been made upon the general fraternity system by means of every instrument which spite and malice could invent. But, nevertheless, fraternities grew. Still, from wayside corners and backwoods colleges sentiments spring which stain with dishonor thousands of the finest citizens in the Union, which would make many clergymen and men in the highest walks of life accomplices of Bacchanals and midnight marauders."

But a new prophet has risen in the midst of Alpha Tau Omega, and the writer of another article proclaims himself a pronounced conservative in the matter of fraternity extension, and this in the official organ of a fraternity which has on its roll forty six chapters. But in spite of this temerity, may he live to write again in this fashion.

"As I write, I have in mind two fraternities which for a long time pursued a policy of indiscriminate extension. That policy almost wrecked the fraternities in question, before a more conservative policy was adopted, and friends of mine who are members of the societies in question, have told me that they have more than once been ashamed of men who wore the same badge as themselves. Again, I have in mind two other fraternities whose policy has been remarkably conservative. One of them, I believe, has five chapters; and the other, until lately, was limited to eight. The standing of those fraternities is unquestioned, and their badges open sesames to the best society in the land. Judging from these instances, I believe that the conservative policy has been by far the better of the two."

The November number is largely made up of chapter letters. In an editorial on the recent expulsion of fourteen students from the State Agricultural College of Mississippi, because of

their connection with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the keynote is struck which all high class fraternities must maintain.

We had hoped that the time for such action as this on the part of the faculty of any institution had passed. It is not our intention to censure in this case, for we do not know the facts, but it is most unfortunate in any case, since if it is due to the behavior of the chapter of any fraternity, such lowering of Greek methods and manners is to be deplored, and if it is due to a prejudice against the Greek letter system, such narrowness and ignorance calls forth our exceeding sorrow. Either horn of the dilemma is sufficiently uncomfortable and trying for our common Greek interests to be hung upon. We are greatly relieved, however, in the painful awkwardness of our situation, by reading the following extract from the address of Prof. Schurman, the newly-elected President of Cornell:

'Fraternities are good. I sympathize with them and want to give them good advice. Let the men look out for the younger students. Make the fraternity houses not only the delightful homes of social intercourse, but also the centres of the highest intellectual training.'

This worthy sentiment has the ring of a true discrimination and of a liberal policy which sounds well for the efficiency of President Schurman in his high and responsible position, and which promises to the management of Cornell the invaluable disciplinary help to be found in the due recognition of the real worth—in moral and high tone—possible in fraternity life. A college President has in the Greek fraternities, if he knows how to use them, his most powerful and certain instrumentality for elevating the character and raising the moral tone of his institution. The Greek chapter should be, and can be, made the very right arm of the faculty in preserving the order, stimulating the intellectual exertion, conserving the moral, and uplifting the very spiritual life of students. Woe to the fraternity that fails of this glorious opportunity, or to the college that puts itself in the face of true and manly progress!

The October issue of *Beta Theta Pi* is eminently a Wooglin-Convention number, but it is interesting from cover to cover. The opening article is entitled "The Man I Met at the Convention," and is so bright that we would be glad to reproduce it entire. Some of the portraits would answer just as well for men who were at our convention, we imagine that the other Greeks meet them at their annual gatherings, for they are typical college men. This writer asserts that in the convention of a great fraternity, where educated young Americans are assembled, is a place to find the composite American, and that he met him at Wooglin.

"There was the jolly delegate, always smiling, always ready for a good story or joke. He introduced himself, and at once you were fast friends. There was no danger of hurting his feelings unintentionally; you felt free to consult him confidentially; you were ready to trust his judgment. He enjoyed the meetings, and everybody enjoyed him."

"His opposite was there, a precise, sober faced delegate. * * * *
But he was a faithful attendant upon business sessions; he followed the discussions carefully; he went back home with renewed zeal. You knew at once that no man could be a Beta in his chapter who was not a good student, a careful literary man, and above all, of unblemished personal character. As the days went by, you discovered that he had a fund of humor, was bright as a dollar, and had pronounced and decided views upon fraternity subjects."

"The musical delegate was there with his mandolin, guitar and banjo, and a book of latest selections, from which he sang occasionally."

There were other delegates at Wooglin, the delegate who had a girl down at the Point, the athletic delegate, the man who could speak pieces, the newspaper man, the whist player and the theologian. Some of these men were in Boston, some perhaps were not, but the composite was there, and we agree with the Wooglin enthusiast in saying that he is a fine fellow. He is the finest product of university culture and fraternity influence.

But while the Betas congratulate themselves upon the man who was there, they very frankly regret that there was not more of him. They admit that thirty-five accredited delegates from sixty-two chapters is not a good showing, but they attribute it largely to the financial question, not to the fact that with so many chapters a high percentage of representation is hardly possible.

In the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* for November the editor not only discusses the badge question, but announces his intention of bringing it before the Convent on. His position is the same as that we have taken, that each fraternity should have a uniform badge, and that it should be as far as possible distinct from the badge of any other fraternity. He says:

"The similarity in the badges of the fraternities is a source of confusion and sometimes of annoyance. The writer has on several occasions attempted to give the grip of S. A. E. to unsuspecting D. K. E.'s, and has had the grip of Phi Gamma Delta fairly thrust upon him in spirit of

expostulation. This state of affairs has led to a movement on the part of some fraternities to make their pins more distinctive and uniform. Theta Delta Chi was the pioneer and D. K. E. has followed suit. S. A. E. might wisely take similar action as we are one of four using the diamond shaped badge. We are in possession of a pin which we propose to present to the Chattanooga convention for consideration. With some modifications it might be well to adopt it, as the official and exclusive badge of S. A. E. The advantages of such a badge are not only that it is distinctive and not so liable to be mistaken for that of another fraternity, but that it limits the price of badges to a reasonable amount within the reach of all. High priced and fancily jeweled badges are more ornamental than useful. Our badge loses its true significance when converted into a piece of gaudy jewelry and worn for its glitter rather than because it represents ideals, compared with whose purity, the rarest gems are base. It is highly important, appropriate, and politic that every member should wear a pin, yet the writer knows of one chapter in which thirteen men refused to buy or wear pins because their pocket books did not permit them the pace set by the fourteenth man in purchasing a highly ornamental emblem. Our pin should be neat, it should be uniform, not too expensive, but above all *it should be worn.*"

He also gives a graphic description of two chapter meetings, which he says illustrate two extreme of fraternity life.

"At one the chairs were arranged in two stiff rows along the sides of the room. When the gavel fell a quiet reigned amounting almost to solemnity. The presiding officer put on his official dignity, the ritual was produced and followed punctiliously, order after order of business was disposed of with decorum, the closing exercises were reached, the fraternity benediction was pronounced, and the members seized their hats and coats and rushed from the hall as if glad to escape from so serious an affair.

At the other the chairs were not arranged at all but simply bunched. Just how or when the meeting began was hard to discover. Ritual there was none, order of business ditto, everything was transacted in a most informal manner and the gossip of the college and the fraternity schemes were sandwiched between the various items of business in a most entertaining manner; and after the last business was disposed of the members still lingered in the hall and the conversation continued. * * *

The matter of business and the ceremonial forms should be made incidents and not objects of the meeting; the idea of goodfellowship should rule. Draw close to each other and forget for a few hours the specter of unprepared lessons, the class feuds, the literary society rivalries and the perplexities of the future, and endeavor to remember only that you are in a company of congenial friends to whom you are bound by the strongest ties aside from those of blood.

A proper blending of the two meetings we have attempted to describe would produce a happy medium."

The contents of the Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for October take their tone to a certain extent from the movement for a fraternity exhibit and Pan Hellenic Congress at Chicago. This movement is given what might be called a personal introduction to the readers of the *Quarterly* by a half tone portrait and biographical sketch of Charles M. Kurtz, Assistant Chief of the Fine Arts department of the Columbian Exposition, and one of the prophets of the phase of Pan Hellenism which has its Mecca in Chicago. Perhaps a better definition of practicable if not altogether ideal Pan Hellenism has never been given than that presented in a single sentence of an article written from quite another standpoint. In speaking of the ethics of competition, the writer says, "It is the Greek world against the barbarians, after that the struggle commences between the nations of Greece."

In *Suggestions to New Initiates* is a clear statement of a fact which no fraternity can escape.

"One of the first things you observe after your initiation is that you are no longer a unit, but that your individuality is now, to some degree, merged in that of your fellows. You no longer work for yourself alone; your triumphs are shared by your associates, and no longer do you work with selfish aims, but learn to consult the interests of others and strive for their advancement. By joining a fraternity you are given a standing socially and a prestige among your associates. But remember, too, that now your frailties are not looked upon as those of an individual alone, but as the errors of a member of Phi Gamma Delta. If the society which you join throws a lustre about you on account of its high standing in the college, you are in honor bound to keep up that reputation, and guard well your life, lest through you any spot should dim its fair fame."

We might go much further than this, and say that to a certain extent the errors of a fraternity man affect not only his own society, but the entire Greek world. Not even the wildest enthusiast on the subject is so radically Pan Hellenic as the barbarian is Pan-anti-Hellenic. He ranks all the fraternities together as his enemies, the measure of whose iniquities is rapidly filling, and feels that their extermination, or at least, disgrace, would be a matter of inexplicably delayed justice. The discredit or failure of one fraternity man militates in his eyes against every Greek, and it is a much to be regretted fact

that the world at large is quite generally barbarian in its views. The world is full of otherwise very worthy persons who regard college culture as an affectation, college life as a snare of the adversary of souls, and as a culmination of evil, see metaphorical blue smoke and sulphurous flames issuing from the key hole of every chapter house door. We may pity their ignorance and narrow mindedness, but the indisputable fact remains that they influence public sentiment in a considerable degree. Such a man sometimes sits in a legislative chair, and votes on an appropriation for university education in his state. Now and then he finds his way into an editorial chair, as was proved by the chorus of unfriendly comment upon the sad accident at a D. K. E. initiation not long ago, an accident which was just as sincerely deplored by the Greek press, but in an entirely different spirit. Therefore each initiate should feel that the honor, not only of his chapter, but of his fraternity and of the entire Greek world is committed to his hands, and whether he wishes it or not, he takes with the vows which confer upon him the privilege of membership, the obligations implied in the much worn phrase, *Noblesse oblige*. While it is his particular Attica first, then it is Greeks for each other, and Greece against the world, and this, we take it, is as near as we shall ever come to Pan Hellenism.

The October number of the Kappa Kappa Gamma *Key* opens with an account of the eleventh bi-ennial convention in Indianapolis. The Sigma Chi convention was in session there at the same time, and judging from the items of history given in the *Key*, the two societies illustrated a very practical sort of Pan Hellenism in the way of receptions and dances.

An article on chapters in small colleges strikes the same note as the SHIELD, when it says:

"We certainly do well to maintain chapters in the institutions of the highest rank, not because of their rank, but because in such institutions there is to be found fit material for a college fraternity. But it may be that in institutions of less ambition such material is also to be found. Of course the general rule for sensible extension is 'the best women of the best colleges.' * * * * * The small college* has then a

place in the roll of a good fraternity. Women first, colleges second, and circumstances often dictate that women of the finest timbre shall go to a college of good, if not extraordinary grade."

Of the twenty-five chapters on the roll, twenty-three are represented by letters, which would indicate either that letter-writing is essentially a feminine art, or that Kappa Kappa Gamma has been very fortunate in the choice of charge editors. In the Parthenon the question of elections is discussed at length, but the whole matter is so well summed up in one sentence that we quote it here for the benefit of all whom it may concern.

"I believe in the survival of the fittest so far as fraternities are concerned, and if we wish to survive, we must study the science of selection, which in this case means the study of our fellow students."

The November issue of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* is a convention number and is filled from cover to cover with matter which is of interest not only to Sigs but to others as well. The leading article is a biography of the new Grand Consul, the Hon. Reginald Fendall, and is accompanied by one of the finest half-tone portraits ever appearing in a fraternity magazine. There are biographies and portraits of two other distinguished Sigs, the usual editorials, and a large number of letters from active and alumni chapters. But the gem of the whole number is "The Convention Echo." We learned from the October number of the *Key* that the convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held in the same city and at the same time as that of Sigma Chi, and that the atmosphere was peculiarly favorable to receptions and dances. But the account of these inter-fraternity festivities is but a pale shadow of the glowing description found in the pages of *Sigma Chi*. A new register was introduced at this convention, in which each delegate was expected to sign his name, giving college and class, and then in cold black and white answer the question, "What are you here for?" One truthful young man immortalized himself by the honest confession, "To meet the Kappas." No doubt he wrote in a representative capacity, for the chronicler records that the presence of the Kappas "was the colossal and over-

whelming fact of the week. It led a great many tender under-graduates into a reckless career of ices and round dances, and made those three days luminous in history." And this experience seems not to have been confined to the under-graduates, for we are further informed that at the first reception given by the Kappas, "a great many brothers, some of them advanced in years, began to predict that the convention would be profitable." It was presumably an under-graduate whose rapture during the canal boat ride carried him beyond the confines of this world, so that he sang :

"In '55 we had our birth,
In '92 we own the earth,
On judgment day we will feel big,
Old Gabriel, he will be a Sig."

This is a little too much. Sigma Chi may claim the earth, and her well known lion hunting propensities have been freely commented on by the Greek world since she initiated President Cleveland at a railroad speed of sixty miles an hour, but at the Angel Gabriel we call a halt. It is just possible that Gabriel may acknowledge other passwords than that of Sigma Chi.

"A letter filled with gruesome news from our editor-in-chief came to us a few days ago. She said there was a possibility that the next issue of the *Trident* would be a blank book." So writes a correspondent in the October number, which comes to our table as dainty in appearance and as well written as if no such danger had ever stared Delta Delta Delta in the face. We confess to a little surprise. They bear them with such a smiling face that it is hard to realize that the trials of the life editorial ever reach the college girls. The members have come nobly to the rescue, and what they have to say is well worth saying. There are certain things which no society can afford to lose sight of, and the following extract from the editorial page presents them very clearly :

Another year of work, with all its possibilities for improvement, is before us. We ought to be fairly satisfied with the progress of the past year, yet each chapter should realize the still greater responsibilities of

the future. Our ranks have been depleted by the graduation of active members and we must choose with care new associates. Let us consider character first in making our selections, and thus keep our chapters strong. In this way alone can we advance the best interests of the fraternity. Individuals make the fraternity, and to attain our ideal individual effort is necessary. Each chapter should also endeavor to make its influence for good apparent in the college life. The members of a fraternity should be the strongest supporters of college authority and order.

The October *Arrow* is bright and interesting as ever. The leading article is a well-written account of the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, of New Orleans. This is illustrated by two half-tone plates, and closes with the college yell, which certainly shows that the southern college girls are not behind their northern sisters or brothers either in the vim and dash of their war cry.

Ra! Ra! Ra!
Sis! Ra! Bum!
Ra! Ra! Ra!
Sophie Newcomb.

There is a vigorous protest against the purely commercial view of the value of the higher education which is worthy of wide circulation.

I have been immeasurably irritated during the summer by the constantly recurring questions, What are you going to do with your college education after spending so much time on it? And, What use will your higher mathematics, your Greek and your science, be to you after all? In those questions there was always an undertone of unbelief in higher education except as a money-making investment, as a matter of dollars and cents. It saddens me that such a sordid, money-grasping spirit is abroad in our land. As for me, I am glad to lift up my voice and proclaim that I don't care if I never earn a dollar by my college education that I could not have earned without it. It is strange that college presidents have to keep pleading for higher education, have to keep insisting that its value cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents. Are the people all dead who believe that there is something better in life than money and fame and the tangible results these bring: that life cannot be reduced to a dollar and cent calculation? I wish to plead for a moment for the higher, the more ideal, the more subtle elements of life. There is such a need in this sad work-a-day world for higher ideals, for firmer principles, for keener intellectual development, for a purer and nobler inner life. These are, after all, what make life worth living.

No doubt this has been the experience of many another graduate of '92, as it will be of many more of the class of '93. There will always be people who cannot understand that a thing is worth any more than it will bring in the market. But in the face of these modern Philistines it is safe to assert that the higher education has a tangible commercial value. Guizot's sweeping assertion that one-third of the university men die from over-study, one-third from dissipation, and the other third govern Europe, has been so often quoted that it has lost its novelty if not its force. It is undeniably true, however, that the influence of university training is becoming more and more a recognized factor in this country. Viewed entirely from the material standpoint, the following extract from a recent number of the *Christian Union* is a practical answer to some of the irritating questions which have been asked of the correspondent of the *Arrow*, and we may add that the untrained man is at almost as great a disadvantage in the world as the untrained woman.

The unequipped woman fights to-day against tremendous odds. The kindergarten training-schools demand the college graduate as pupils. Medicine turns a cold shoulder to all but the college graduate; teaching is an impassable door to all but the college graduate for any position that pays a livable salary.

The September number of the *Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha is largely given up to the discussion of 'Fraternity Influence' in its different phases, and from different standpoints. Many good points are made, some of which will crop out in the articles on the same subject, which the SHIELD is publishing. The editor says, somewhat by way of apology, that several of the contributed articles were written in great haste, but be that as it may, their authors have not failed to grasp the fact that fraternity influence is always a reflex influence, the chapter exerts a powerful formative influence upon the man, while each man helps to establish the tone of the chapter, and make its influence what it is, for good or evil. The influence of the fraternity on the college culture of to-day, the influence of the fraternity on the man, and a fraternity

man's influence over his classmates, are some of the points touched upon, and one enthusiast has the temerity to discuss so complex a question as the influence of a fraternity sister. They are all summed up in a very able article by the literary editor, who gives utterance to the faith that is in him when he says, "If we ever have a boy, we shall send him to college to fit him for a useful life, we shall admonish him when we give him our parting benediction, to join a *good* fraternity."

The August number of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* appears in October, but is well filled with matter of interest to D. U's. Its most noticeable feature is the presence of five chapter portraits. This is a move in the right direction, and it would seem a good idea for any Greek magazine to print a group picture of each chapter every year. While the need for it might not now be so apparent, twenty years from now no relic would be more valuable. Unfortunately, owing to the peculiar ideas of some one, probably the bookbinder; two of these plates are so inserted that the Syracuse and Lafayette, and the Lehigh and Tufts chapters are antipodal to each other. When you look at one the young men on the opposite page appear in the undignified attitude of standing on their heads.

With this number F. M. Crossett retires from the editorial chair, which he has occupied for nine years. His farewell words are very brief, but they embody much of the experience of every editor, hard work, frequent disappointment, but as frequent encouragement from loyal friends. His successor will no doubt have the same experience, and if he meets them with the same success he will make a journal of which the D. U's will have reason to be proud.

The Harvard graduate magazine introduced itself to the public in October last. The first number is massive. It is published by the association of Harvard graduates for the enlightenment and entertainment of Harvard men. Like everything which emanates from this institution it is intensely Harvard. Among the many interesting articles "Harvard's Loss

of Athletic Prestige' and 'The University During the Last Five Years,' are of interest to any reader. The magazine as a whole is exceedingly creditable and success is stamped upon the first number. Bro. W. H. Wiggin of Iota, '92, is the business manager, and Mr. W. R. Thayer, '81, editor-in-chief.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi for September has for a frontispiece a finely executed half tone portrait of the editor, for the presence of which he makes a humble apology, and lays the blame on somebody else. He adds "for the sake of the editor of Beta Theta Pi, that it is an excellent reproduction of the appearance we have when 'throttling our teeming tongue.'" To judge by the picture, that exercise, whatever it may be, is extremely becoming to friend VanCleve. We fail to see the necessity of the apology. The picture of any of his confreres is always welcomed by the editor of the SHIELD, as it conveys some idea of the character of the man who is doing similar work for another fraternity. We can see no reason why the editors of all the journals should not present themselves to each other in this way, for in their busy lives very few of them can meet personally. The editorial pages are full of good suggestions on matters of interest to Phi Psis in particular and also to fraternity men in general, and we quote quite at length from one because it so strongly reinforces a lesson we have tried to impress upon our own members.

"Phi Kappa Psi has had two experiences in the past few months which, if not seriously threatening one of our dearest customs, would be ridiculous. We relate them in the order in which they came to our notice. One day, when walking along the streets of Philadelphia, a Pennsylvania K brother, resident in that city, espied a Phi Psi badge on the coat lapel of a callow youth, who to him seemed too young even for a freshman. He accosted the boy, expecting despite his childish years to find in him a fellow Phi Psi, but what was his amazement to find that the stranger had never been even to a preparatory school, and hadn't the remotest idea what the badge meant, nor what a Greek letter society was. When asked where had got the pin, he innocently replied that his uncle had given him the pretty thing, having no use for it himself.

During the summer we received a letter from a Phi Delta Theta in Louisville, saying that he had seen a laboring man on the streets of that city sporting a Phi Psi badge, and out of regard for our fraternity he accosted

him to learn whether he were indeed what he represented himself to be. He learned, as he expected, that he knew nothing of the significance of the badge he wore. Upon invitation, he took a seat in the office of the Phi Delta, who by a brief questioning ascertained where the pin had come from. The laborer's wife had a brother who once had been a Phi Psi in a Pennsylvania chapter, and the brother had given his sister the badge, and she then gave it to her husband. The Phi Delta Theta kindly undertook to redeem the badge, and through his kindly offices the pin, an old-fashioned plain one, lies upon the editor's desk, a souvenir of how lightly men may regard their oaths.

The proudest distinction Phi Kappa Psi could have in this nation, would be not to have the President, or the Supreme Judges, or the Senators, or any great man whatsoever among our membership, but to be the only fraternity in this nation which refuses to allow its badge to be worn by any one who has not regularly plighted his faith at her altar."

In this connection, the courtesy of the member of Phi Delta Theta who took it upon himself to restore this pin to the hands of a member of the fraternity, should not be forgotten. If there be one Pan Hellenic courtesy more than another which Greeks can extend to each other, it is the manifestation of a sacred regard for the symbols and documents belonging to other societies. We have not forgotten the hilarious glee which used to possess our own chapter when we could get possession of the constitution or any other secret documents belonging to our rivals. We deplore this condition of things, and have endeavored to impress it upon the various chapters of our own fraternity that any attempt on their part to obtain surreptitiously or otherwise any of the secrets of another society is criminally dishonorable, and belittles the man who attempts it.

Perhaps the most important article in the October number is a clear statement of the difficulties which Beta Theta Pi has had in regard to the club house at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, and which have been so widely aired both in the newspapers and the Greek press. This letter, coming from a member of Beta Theta Pi who is also a personal friend of the editor of the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, may be regarded as authoritative, and is to the effect that the sheriff's sale covered only a part of the club house furniture, and the old steam launch, but did not affect the principal part of the property of the club.

The November number of the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* contains an editorial addressed especially to Dekes, but worthy of attention from all fraternities.

"Of necessity, there always will be rivalry between the fraternities of the college world. The method of securing members, the emulous strife for honors in scholarship, athletics, and in the college social distinctions, all tend to foster and cherish the spirit of keen encounter. To a certain extent, this is as just and desirable as it is natural, but there is a point where this spirit should cease and a boundary crossed when the actual antagonism toward another fraternity finds a harborage in the hearts of college men. * * * * * The exigencies must be most imperative, for Delta Kappa Epsilon to put lance in rest and tilt on the arena over such small affairs as elections to social distinction in college politics. These things ought to have little to do with fraternities as college clubs. Let the best man win! If he does not win, he must bear his defeat and disappointment like a gentleman. If, by unfair means, he was made to lose his honor, such redress must be sought as the circumstances demand, but two or more fraternities must not be brought face to face in antagonism, simply because the offenders or the aggrieved happen to belong to Greek-letter clubs. Because some member or members of any fraternity have been guilty of a breach of gentlemanly courtesy and acted dishonorably, is no reason to brand the chapter to which these men belong as a society of Greek outlaws or a band of social pariahs, or a group of abandoned sinners. Every social scandal is a reflection on society at large to a certain extent, and every fraternity squabble is an injury to all fraternities."

In exchanges the editor so vigorously scores another Greek magazine on account of a wretchedly executed portrait, and its accompanying biography that out of compassion for his victim the name of the offending journal is not given, though it will doubtless be identified in some quarters at least. "Better no likenesses," he says, "than one which misrepresents the man."

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, while containing much of general interest, is primarily as its caption indicates, a conclave number. There are finely executed portraits, with brief biographical sketches of the newly elected members of the Supreme Executive Committee together with two very able addresses delivered before the conclave. A brief account of the work done gives in a nut-shell the following important points:

"The revision of the constitution was matter for much discussion, and a constitution committee was appointed to make several changes, which are to be submitted to the Supreme Executive Committee, and by this body to the chapters. After a warm debate the practice of bestowing honorary memberships was voted down, and $K\Sigma$ joins with the fraternities which have done away with this evil. The remuneration of the salaried officers of the fraternity was greatly increased. A uniform pin, as regards size and shape was adopted, but nothing was done toward making the jewelry uniform. The catalogue was placed in the hands of George W. Warner, of Philadelphia, with power to choose his own assistants.

THETA DELTA CHI.

O noble brotherhood, thine emblem bright
 Well figures forth thy glorious ideal,
 True manhood! Purity and truth and zeal!
 For good shine on thy shield the light
 That gleams from ground with thread of blue inwrought.
 The lines of lustrous pearls reveal
 The manly qualities of heart and thought
 That glow with constant radiance and real
 In those upon whose breasts these jewels fair
 Do shine. May ne'er disloyal trait'rous heart
 With shadow dark of wrong bedim the rare,
 The beauteous lustre of the gems that deck
 Thy 'scutcheon bright and fair; nor e'er thy part
 In Truth's stern fight receive or flaw or fleck.

B. G. ESTES, Chi.



College Notes.

The *Baptist Examiner* has the following very pertinent comment on the present tendency to disproportion between the titles of some educational institutions, and the advantages which they are able to offer to students :

"Whatever else our institution lacks, its guardians propose it shall not lack a well-rounded and resounding name. To be sure, it is neither "college" nor "university," and cannot be for some time to come, but their policy seems to be to secure a large-sounding title while they are to be had for the choosing, lest, when the day comes that the character of the school will actually represent the suggestions of its corporate title, there may be a scarcity of appropriate marks and designs. So we lay hold on the coveted label while they are lying round loose and no corner in the market."

Sometime in the dim past the following paragraph began to go the rounds of college publications.

"The Phi Delta Theta fraternity has granted a charter to Princeton College. This will be the first chapter of any fraternity to establish there."

Then a chorus arose from the different fraternity journals taking the *Miami Student* to task for the second statement, but one and all falling into the trap, and inferring that the first was correct. Now the *Scroll* enters the field with the remark. that "the peregrinations of a lie are so wonderful that it is said that truth can never fully overtake it," and positively denies the granting of a charter to Princeton.

A Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has just been established at the University of Minnesota.

A new club, called the Latin Seminary Course, has been organized at Boston University. Membership is dependent upon a competitive examination, and only members of the Junior and Senior classes are eligible.

Five hundred and twelve students receive free tuition at Cornell each year.

The post-graduate department of Yale University includes more than thirty young women.

The third century of its existence has just been celebrated by Trinity College.

Six students of Chicago University were initiated into the mysteries of Beta Theta Pi at Evanston September 30th.

Two hundred and four of the three hundred and sixty-five colleges in the United States are co-educational.

The Colgate chapter of Phi Kappa Psi are rejoicing in the occupancy of a new house.

More than 12,000 volumes were added last year to the library of Columbia College, which now numbers 140,000 volumes.

Of the sixty-five thousand students in American colleges, four thousand are preparing for the ministry.—*The Dartmouth*.

The theologues at DePauw University have a yell which is, to say the least, startling. It is, "Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah, the gospel does away with the law, we're the Logs of old old DePauw, a greater school none ever saw! Amen!"

Daniel Webster was editor-in-chief of the first college paper in the United States, It was published at Dartmouth.

The enrollment of students at the University of Pennsylvania this year is 1,764. This gives her fourth place numerically, the three universities with larger attendance being Yale, Harvard and Michigan.

A weekly paper has already been established by the students of the University of Chicago.

The Psi Upsilon chapter house at Rochester was dedicated with fitting ceremonies Dec. 16th. The Alumni Association of Western New York met at the same time and in the evening held a banquet at the newly dedicated house.

The recent triennial council of Phi Beta Kappa granted charters to the University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota and Tufts College, but refused Syracuse University, Wabash, Swarthmore and Bucknell.

The Pi chapter of Psi Upsilon of Syracuse University has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith with a magnifi-

cent mahogany sideboard which has an interesting history. In 1815, after the battle of Waterloo, Joseph Bonaparte, ex-King of Naples and of Spain, and the elder brother of Napoleon the First, quitted France and sought an abiding place in America. The sideboard was brought over the seas along with his other furniture, and for fifteen years it graced the dining-room of the Bonaparte mansion at Bordentown, N. J. When Joseph Bonaparte returned to France to die at Florence, this sideboard was sold to a man living near Gettysburg, Pa. In his family it remained for two or three generations, and was finally bought at auction by J. E. Davis, of Syracuse.—*The Campus*.

The University of Leipsic is said to be worth nearly \$20,000,000 and capital amounting to about \$75,000,000 is represented by the revenues of Oxford and Cambridge.

At two meetings in Denison university chapel, \$8,000 was subscribed by the students for the erection of a new Y. M. C. A. building at a cost of \$25,000.

The University of Minnesota has a new medical building erected at a cost of \$60,000.

Phi Kappa Psi admits that there are signs of decreased activity, if not positive death in three of her chapters.

The first chapter house at Vanderbilt university has just been built by Phi Delta Theta.

Harvard has asked for 7,000 square feet for its proposed exhibit at the World's Fair.

The college phrase "not in it" is not new, as many would suppose, but it was used by Euripides more than two thousand years ago in his *Maleager*, when he says: "Cowards do not count in battle; they are there, but not in it."—*Mail and Express*.

The anti-fraternity war of last year has vindicated the fraternity idea, and some of its bitterest partisans have organized a new Greek-letter society, which they hasten to inform all is a bona fide fraternity. It bears on a modified Beta Theta Pi shield the mystic letters, Tau Kappa Phi. May they live long, prosper, and repent of their immature ravings.—Northwestern university correspondent of the *Shield*, Phi Kappa Psi.

The Psi U chapter house at Brown university is so nearly completed that the members hope to occupy it by the middle of February.

At the recent convention of Phi Gamma Delta, the initiation of persons "lifted" from other organizations was expressly forbidden.

Students at the University of Berlin are offered the choice of 716 electives.

The chapter of $\Sigma A E$ at Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical college was expelled to a man recently, because of stringent anti-frat. restrictions. As is usual in such cases, the offenders were the leaders in the college.—*ΦΚΨ Shield*.

At its recent annual convention, Delta Upsilon granted a charter to Bowdoin college, and refused petitions from Wesleyan, Miami, Swarthmore, Bucknell and the University of Chicago.

Kappa Sigma held her tenth bi-ennial grand conclave in Washington, Oct. 12, 13 and 14. The practice of bestowing honorary memberships was voted down, after a warm debate, and Kappa Sigma may now be counted out of the list of lion-hunting fraternities.

According to the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, "Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, have all gone under" at the University of Mississippi.

For the first time in the history of Yale an organization composed of graduates and known as the Graduate Club has been formed. An old-fashioned New England house over 100 years old, fronting on the historic green has been leased for a period, and wealthy members of the alumni, including Professor Farnham, have given liberal sums that have been used in fitting it up in a most elaborate and luxurious manner. The membership is limited to about fifty, and, of course, only congenial spirits will enjoy this feature of life.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

Princeton is said to have \$90,000 of endowed scholarships.

In the state of New York an Intercollegiate Press Association has been formed including ten of the leading college papers.—*Ariel*.

Dartmouth College has recently purchased considerable property from the State Agricultural College, which will move from Hanover in 1893. The purchase includes a dormitory, and land which it is thought will be used for an athletic field.

The Harvard Observatory has recently undergone extensive repairs, which have greatly improved it for scientific purposes. Alterations have been made in the tower, under the superintendence of one of the Harvard assistants, and a commodious wing added to the main building that for some years past has been an urgent necessity. The new wing is of brick, and two stories, with a large basement. It has been made fireproof throughout. In the basement a great deal of room is given up to the storage of astronomical records in the shape of photographic plates and written observations and records. The Harvard observatory, the most perfect of its kind in America, was built in 1845.—*The College Fraternity.*

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has entered Ohio State University.

According to the revised statutes for the government of Columbia College, the degree of Bachelor of Arts may hereafter be given to all graduates of the School of Arts, and it may also be given, upon the recommendation of this faculty, to graduates in the schools of Philosophy, Pure Science and Political Science.

This term has witnessed the revival of Phi Delta Theta in this university, an event which has occurred twice before in the history of the local chapter. Delta Upsilon has also been distinguishing herself recently by dismissing from her number three senior members, because the latter have seen fit to take unto themselves wives.—Northwestern University letter in ΣX *Quarterly.*

A committee of three men from the University of Pennsylvania have undertaken the task of collecting and preserving some of the best things that have been written by college men. It is then proposed to publish a volume entitled "College Verses and Sketches," and for this purpose they have solicited contributions from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, Amherst, Brown, Lehigh, Vassar and Wellesley.—*Ariel.*

The senior class at the University of Vermont has decided to adopt the cap and gown, for graduation and college gatherings.

Extensive changes have been made in the course of study at Hamilton College, and a new Latin-Scientific course extending over four years has been organized.

Dickinson has a twenty-eight-year-old professor who is one of the fifteen or twenty scholars in the world who are able to decipher Assyrian inscriptions. His name is Robert W. Rogers, Ph. D.—*Concordiensis*.

"Have you seen to-day's paper?"

"Yes."

"What Prof. is going to the Chicago University this morning?"

Dr. Emily Kempin, founder of the law courses for women in New York City, has been installed assistant professor at the University of Zurich. Miss Kempin has the honor of being the first regular lecturer on English and American law in the German universities, as it has hitherto been taught only in the mercantile department.—*The Arrow*.

AN INTER-FRATERNITY EPISODE.

He was a Psi U. junior, calling on a Beta girl,
 And waited in the parlor while she fixed the final curl.
 Said he to little Alice, who was entertaining him:
 "I wonder if your sister wouldn't wear my Psi U. pin?"
 The little lady answered with a brightly flashing eye:
 "'Deed she won't, 'cause my big sister is a Baked Potato Pie!"

B Θ II.

The new Bowdoin catalogue shows the largest number of students in the history of the college.

The University of St. Andrews which dates back to the fourteenth century, and which for five hundred years has been the center of learning in Scotland, has opened its doors to women. More eminent men have been connected with the institution as students and professors than with any other British university of its size, and it is but fitting that this ancient seat of learning should add to its historic interest by taking this radical step of progress.—*The Arrow*.

The Amherst plan of college government through the co-operation of a college senate chosen from the students worked so well last year that "in no instance has disciplinary action been necessary."—*B & H.*

The Women's College of Baltimore is the first college in the world to make physical training a full department with regular professors and instructors. All students are required to take the course as an important branch of the curriculum.—*The Arrow.*

In a German university a student's matriculation card shields him from arrest, admits him at half price to theatres, and takes him free to art galleries.—*University Cynic.*

Williams College will celebrate its hundredth anniversary next October.

Sigma Chi has entered Hobart College with seven men.

At its recent commencement Columbia College conferred the degree of Doctor of Letters upon Mr. Edmund Clarence Stedman, who, though a student at Yale did not, we believe, graduate with his class.

The largest university in the world is said to be that of Paris, with 9,215 students. Vienna is next, having 6,229 students, and the University of Berlin is third.

Harry A. Garfield, the eldest son of the late President Garfield, is to occupy a professor's chair in the new law school of Western Reserve University.

The first women to receive fellowships at Yale are Miss Mary Graham, a graduate of Wesleyan, and Miss Mary Scott of Vassar.

Brown University, Providence, R. I., has opened all its degrees to women. Instruction, examinations and the conferring of degrees are in all respects similar, but common classroom instruction cannot yet be offered. Arrangements have, however, been made which will bring the young ladies in close proximity to the University.—*Trident.*

A novel solution of the traditional difficulty between college sophomores and freshmen was found the other day by President Thwing, of Adelbert College of Western Reserve Univer-

sity. He invited both classes to dine with him and each other. At the dinner each sophomore escorted a freshman to table. Members of both classes made speeches, '95 welcomed '96 with cheers, and the dinner broke up with both classes cheering for Adelbert and Western Reserve. Perhaps larger colleges can find an example in this social lying down together of the sophomore lion and the freshmanic lamb.—*Christian Union*.

The kindness shown the Freshman class of women's colleges, in marked contrast with the treatment of the Freshman class in men's colleges, is very prettily illustrated at Bryn Mawr. In addition to calls, "teas," and an attitude of cordial welcome from the older students, it is the custom of the sophomores each year to give the freshmen a play in the gymnasium. The play selected last year was one of Hans Andersen's fairy tales dramatized. Some months later the freshmen gave a play, and the invitations to the sophomores requested them to occupy the front seats at the entertainment. When the curtain rose, the freshmen stepped forward with baskets of roses, which were scattered over the astonished and delighted sophomores. They had chosen this pretty way to make public acknowledgement of the kind and generous treatment received at the hands of the Sophomores.—*Harper's Bazar*.

According to the *Ariel* a new rule has gone into effect at the University of Minnesota that commencing with the present term, all students who receive daily marks for not fewer than one-half of the number of days devoted to any one subject, and attain an average of 85 per cent or more, may be exempt from the term examination, such daily average being reported as his general average. A junior characterizes this as "liberty which doesn't liberate, and freedom which doesn't free."

The University of Nebraska has abolished the time-honored names, senior, junior, sophomore and freshman, and in future no distinction will be made in nomenclature, save in the case of freshman year, which will be known as "first year of residence." The number of hours per week taken by each student determines his advancement.—*Trident*.

Boston University has purchased a building and will spend about ten thousand dollars in remodeling and fitting it up for a gymnasium. It is expected that it will be open for occupancy by the first of January, '93.

The faculty of Lafayette College are requiring that students shall room near the college grounds, believing that residence at remote points of the city causes too much loss of time, and tends toward distraction of thought as well as lack of opportunity to engage in the better affairs of the social side of student life.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The senior class of Boston University have decided to adopt the cap and gown.

The second national conference of University Extension was held in Philadelphia on December 29th and 30th.

A Historical Society has recently been organized at the University of Pennsylvania.

A new club, called the Pennsylvania Students' Union, and modeled after the Students' Society at Oxford, is fitting up a house near the University of Pennsylvania. It is expected that three-fourths of the 2,000 students at the University will become members.

The college men of the United States are but a small fraction of one per cent. of the voters, yet they hold fifty-eight per cent. of the highest offices. This alone for aspirants to office should be a conclusive argument in favor of college study.—*The College-Man.*

The Texas Pan-Hellenic Society was organized at Fort Worth, Texas, September 7, and its initial banquet given at "Ye Arlington Inn." The menu card was a striking novelty. It was coffin-shaped, on the front being the emblematic skull and cross-bones, and a striking sketch of the woes of a "Barbarian" being led to Hades, "led" by the strongly persuasive influence of the chapter goat that was bringing up the rear. The badge of each of the societies was printed as a border for the toasts.—*Φ Α Θ Scroll.*

Charge Letters.

[Charge editors are again requested to write only on one side of the paper and to assume a style somewhat more expansive than a telegraphic communication.]

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Although you did not hear from Beta in the last number of the SHIELD, don't for a moment think we are not hard at it for fraternity and college. It has been a successful term for us throughout and we look back upon it with satisfaction. We have to introduce to the fraternity at large four new Theta Delts: Bro. W. H. DeWolfe and F. A. Bassette, both of New Britain, Conn., C. D. Dreier of Chicago and E. A. Burlingame of Providence, R. I. Beside these Bro. Howard of Mu Deuteron has been an acquisition to our ranks. We are not through yet, so the list of initiates will be enlarged soon.

What Cornell has done in the athletic line every one must have read in the daily papers. She has come strongly to the front and we are proud of her standing at present, though ill luck does pursue her. Bro. Howard represented our fraternity in foot-ball this fall, playing half back in the second eleven and captaining the freshmen. He makes a very good possibility for varsity honors next year. Bro. C. D. Dreier won the bicycle championship at the fall meet and now holds the Cornell two mile record. He also played as full-back for the freshmen.

Cornell's usual cane rush on registration night was not forthcoming this year and all was quiet. It was uncertain how strong a position our new president, Jacob Gould Schurman would take on the subject and no one cared to run any risk. In his annual address he came out clearly on this point and everybody understood that regular rushes were a dead let-

ter at Cornell. However, there was trouble on the campus one morning when a flag bearing "96" was seen hanging from a telephone wire and a goodly number of freshmen posted beneath it. The wire was cut and then the rush began. It was a peaceful, harmless rush, but the whole machinery of our big university was at a stand still for an hour, at the end of which time President Schurman appeared on the scene, commanding order. Three cheers were heartily given him and the under classes declared peace. Certain vague rumors which circulated shortly after, helped toward the adoption by the two classes, of resolutions to abstain from further demonstration.

The supremacy contests at the fall athletic meet resulted in a decided victory for the sophomore class and the freshmen were again beaten in the underclass foot-ball game.

A great event in the life of Cornell was the inauguration of President Schurman. It was made a holiday and the university turned out in a body to greet its able and popular leader. The speeches of welcome by the faculty and alumni to the new executive spoke only of confidence and of harmony, while in his masterful inaugural address the president laid clearly before all, the aims and purposes of the administration upon which he entered and the means by which these should be fulfilled. The occasion was one calculated to instill enthusiasm into the heart of every Cornellian.

Our graduates of last year are hard at work, Bro. Vose on the coast survey with headquarters at Elizabeth, N. J., and Bro. Haggett with the Brooks Locomotive works at Dunkirk, N. Y. Bro. Van Dorn is still with the B. I. & B. Co. at New Britain, Conn., and Bro. Ware with the T. H. Co. at Lynn, Mass.

Bro. DuBois, '95, shook us and Cornell early in the term to try his luck at ranching in the wild west. He will join in California his brother and our brother, "Beans" DuBois, E^d '87.

Beta has been favored with a number of pleasant visits this fall, several of her old graduates returning to their alma mater and their charge to renew acquaintance with persons and things of college days. It always gives us great pleasure to

welcome any Theta Delt in our home, and he may be assured of a hearty reception and the best of our hospitality. Bro. Leon Stern, Beta, '89, spent a couple of days with us during October, and his classmate Bro. Lee Parker dropped in on us several times during the term. We enjoyed a delightful visit of nearly a week from Bro. Curtis, Beta, '87, and through him became better acquainted and more closely connected with the brothers of a former college generation. The sweet music of his violin and his earnest enthusiasm for Theta Delta Chi left much of their spirit behind them. He promises that many of the old boys will be here in June, so we look forward to commencement week with great satisfaction. Bro. Picken, Sigma, '95, when playing with the Dickinson team against Cornell, paid us a short call. That's the trouble with these athletic team visits, they are all too short. Bro. Ryan, '94, spent his summer in Europe and on his return remained several days in Ithaca. "Pat" traveled much and saw much, and he related his adventures to us in his inimitable style. It seemed like the jolly days of last year before the "Irishman" left us.

Thanksgiving week was made additionally pleasant by a visit from Bro. Van Sandt and the news from our Lehigh brothers. During his stay we had the honor and pleasure of entertaining the new president of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Benedict. As luck would have it we were sadly torn up in the house, so we hope to put up a more hospitable and creditable appearance upon our next Grand Lodge visitation.

With Beta's best wishes to all the brothers, for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we close this letter.

W. C. DREIER.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We trust that none of our brothers who attended the late convention felt that Gamma Deuteron was deficient in public spirit because she sent no undergraduate member to represent her at the convention. Any such feeling would do us an injustice, for the circumstances were peculiar. Certainly every

member of the charge here was anxious to send a delegate, and realized the great desirability of being in personal touch with the fraternity at large, but most of us felt no less strongly that Bro. Lawrence T. Cole, who had just gone from among us, was perfectly in touch with the charge here and that he therefore was enabled to fitly represent us. Furthermore, we thought that the reputation of the whole fraternity would be more enhanced by the material prosperity of the charge at home, than by sending a delegate to the convention with means we could ill spare from the treasury at present. For you must know that next month we expect to move into quarters that are all we could reasonably desire as to comforts and conveniences. But, aside from the fact that such a removal will entail a considerably larger outlay in rents, we are to furnish this house completely ourselves. To do so in a suitable manner calls for some self-denial on the part of every member, and it seemed to us it was merely a question as to whether Theta Delta Chi (and especially Gamma Deuteron) would be more benefited by our sending a delegate to the convention than by our using the seventy-five dollars that would have been thus expended, towards the defrayment of the expenses of furnishing the new house.

We take pleasure in introducing our recent initiates: Bro. Charles Gray of Chicago, and Bros. Frank and Horace Van Tuyl of Detroit. Bro. Gray was pledged last commencement week. Bro. Frank VanTuyl, '95, was president of his class last year. Bro. Horace VanTuyl, '96, took second prize in singles at the tennis tournament last October.

Bro. W. R. Belknap, Dartmouth, '91, is studying law at the university.

Bro. Ed. Gedney, of Tau Deuteron, is a valued addition to our numbers here. He is in the dental department of the university.

Bro. Bullock has resigned from the 'Varsity Glee Club owing to pressure of college work. Bro. Woodbury, however, still represents us in that organization.

Bro. Gaylord spent the long vacation very pleasantly touring England and Scotland on a wheel.

Bros. Gray and Gaylord spent the Thanksgiving recess at Bay City, getting figures on furniture for the new house.

Those of us who remained in town during the recess were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Beckwith, the mother of one of our pledged men who enters college next semester.

The members of Gamma Deuteron have lately enjoyed several cross country runs. So far Theta Delta Chis alone have taken part in this genuine sport, but no doubt our example will be followed by other men in the university.

ARTHUR H. VEYSEY.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

Owing to the absence of our charge editor it becomes my privilege to represent Epsilon Deuteron in the SHIELD for the coming year.

During the summer we spent several hundred dollars in re-furnishing our club house, consequently we can safely boast of having one of the finest club houses in college.

We began this college year with but few men, as we lost heavily in this respect last commencement. But we worked hard and as a result can introduce eight brothers from the freshman class: Bros. Wm. Van Slyke, Geo. Van Slyke, A. R. Barton, Theo. Vandergrift, Chas. A. Morrogh, Andrew Gilmour, Harvey Cowee, and Benjamin Mansfield. We had our initiation last Monday night, followed by a fine banquet, at which we were pleased to have several of our graduate brothers.

The foot-ball season is again over, and again we are proud to say that we are Yale men.

Bro. Van Huyck is again thinking of the crew and the long months of training which will be required of him.

Bro. Hatch, who was forced to leave college last Easter on account of illness, has entirely recovered and has entered the Harvard law school. He has favored us with flying calls on several occasions.

Bro. Selover has been compelled to go south for consump-

tion and so give up all thought of ever returning to college. It is needless to say that we all deeply feel our loss, but hope that he will soon regain his health.

Bro. Du Bois, 89, one of the founders of E^{λ} , made us a brief visit a short time ago.

We have also recently seen Bros. Hall, Ricketts, Stoddart and Sheppard.

The new building for the Sheffield Scientific school, which was promised for the beginning of the college year, will doubtless be ready for occupancy when we return from our Christmas vacation.

Our new gymnasium, of which we all feel proud, is a marvel of beauty. With this valuable aid we hope in the future to do better in track athletics, in which Yale has always been weak.

We were pleased to see for a few minutes some of the brothers on visiting foot-ball teams, but were very sorry that they were unable to call at our house.

In closing, will offer for any visiting brothers a right royal welcome at 36 Elm street. EDWARD PAGE SMITH.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Zeta's last charge letter was evidently not "in it," but there is some consolation in knowing that we are not the only delinquents. The reason of this was largely due to the scribe's ignorance of the SHIELD'S time of going to press and in the future we hope to be more prompt. This is of course a very lame apology but it does for a starter and we will now get down to business.

The most important event which has happened among Brown's hungry aspirants for knowledge since the term began was the initiation into the mysteries of $\Theta \Delta X$ of seven of the best men in the freshman class. Now we used the word best not because it is a stereotyped expression used by all fraternities in the description of initiates, but simply for the reason that it would have been an insult to the new brothers to desig-

nate them by any other title. Without doubt their names will soon become famous, but in order that the brothers may have the honor of claiming acquaintance we introduce them now : Bro. C. F. Deacon, Bro. W. A. Gaylord, Bro. E. B. Moss, Bro. E. S. Parker, Bro. E. S. Roberts, Bro. H. L. Smith, Bro. A. C. Stone.

Bros. Smith and Moss have already been able to capture three of the prizes offered by the college for proficiency in preparatory studies. Our initiation was a grand success; after the ceremonies were over the charge adjourned to Tillinghast's parlors where a banquet such as only the genial caterer can prepare (for the same price per plate) was discussed with much pleasure. We had with us as guests Bros. Whittemore and Goodrich of Kappa. Speeches were made by Bros. Goodrich, Shields, Kern and Tower, while the musical part of the programme was carried out in a highly satisfactory manner by Bros. Hill and Hawkins.

The football team at Brown has not done as much as was expected of it earlier in the season. But considering the short time that the game has been played here, we undoubtedly expected too much. The result of the first game was a great disappointment. Our men only won by a small margin and one of the best players was hurt. We made a creditable showing against Fall River but crippled two more men. Technology was too much for us by a score of 30-6. In the game with Trinity we showed that considerable advance had been made in the team work and under Mr. Howland's effective coaching hope to hold our own in the rest of the games played. If we can only keep our men off of crutches we may yet make a name among the pig skin kickers.

Several of Zeta's representatives took advantage of Kappa's kind invitation and attended their initiation. They all returned reporting a "bang up" time and the charge wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Tufts men.

Bro. Sexton, '93, has been ill owing to a strain received on the ball field, but is fast regaining his strength among the hills of Massachusetts.

Bro. Frost, '90, has started upon a pleasure trip through

South America, Mexico and California. Bro. Tower, '90 has opened a law office in Providence.

Zeta sends sincere regards to all the brothers, and particularly a hearty grip to the new initiates.

W. H. KIMBALL.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

By the graduation of '92 Eta lost eight men, all loyal brothers, two of whom, Bros. Hull and Nichols won commencement parts on scholarship.

As Eta did not have a letter in the last SHIELD a few words on the spring term may not be amiss. Bro. Chapman who covered centre field on the ball team made an enviable record playing throughout the league season of eight games without an error. Bro. French, '95, was substitute pitcher. In the Inter-collegiate Tennis between the four colleges of the state Bowdoin won the championship in doubles, the writer being one of the fortunate pair.

Junior Ivy Day, the great social event of the year, passed off very successfully. Bro. Bucknam was President of the class, Bro. Howard, Chaplain, and Bro. Barber was honored by the presentations.

Commencement week was as enjoyable as usual. Bro. Howard, '92, represented us on the Junior Prize Speaking held the first of the week, and Bro. Hull and Bro. Nichols served respectively as Orator and Historian on Class Day.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our '96 delegation. Eight men were initiated as follows:

Bros. Brown, Freeport; Dana, Westbrook; French, Norway; Hebb, Gilead; Fogg, Bridgton; Soule, Freeport; Stone, Bridgton, Maine; Newbegin, Defiance, Ohio.

At the opening of the football season Bro. Hebb was unfortunate enough to break his leg in practice but will be out again soon after the publication of this letter. Had it not been for this accident he would have played substitute. Bro. Chapman filled his old position at end even better than last

year, and Bros. Stevens and Kimball at left and right tackle respectively did good work throughout the season. That the whole team did good work is shown by the fact that in the eight games played 252 points were scored to 18 for our opponents. The strong Boston Athletic team was tied 10—10 and Brown shut out 8—0. Beside the three men mentioned Bro. Bryant played substitute end.

The beautiful art building given to the college by the Misses Walker of Brooklyn, N. Y., is now nearing completion and will be one of the most attractive features of the campus. A large Scientific building to cost nearly \$100,000 will be erected next year, the gift of Mr. Searles of New York.

Bro. Stiness of Zeta, '91, and Bro. Peterson of Kappa '92, were present at our initiatory ceremonies.

Bro. Stone, '96, is at home dangerously ill of typhoid fever.

Bro. Nichols who was absent from college last year has returned and joined the class of '95.

The speakers for the sophomore Prize Declamation, twelve in number, have been selected. Bros. Bryant, Fessenden, French and Stetson represent us, a good showing when it is remembered that Bowdoin has six fraternities, the latest arrival *J T* having come into existence within a few weeks. Bro. Merrill '94, won the Sophomore Prize speaking last year, and the writer secured the Brown Memorial Prize in his class.

Bro. Howard, '93, has been appointed on the Senior Prize Speaking, one of the most coveted appointments in the course.

While Eta deeply regrets that Bro. Holmes would not accept the Presidency of the fraternity for a third term she unites with the other charges in extending the most cordial greeting to Bro. Benedict and his associates on the Grand Lodge.

F. W. PICKARD, '94.

THETA.

KENYON COLLEGE.

The fall term opened at Kenyon September 14th with the largest class entering since '61, there being over forty-five men in the class.

The rush was won by '96 after a short but fierce struggle.

On account of the increased number of students Philomathesian Literary Society has been divided, one part still constituting "Philo," the other section reviving old *N H K* and now every Wednesday evening the air is blue with youthful eloquence.

Foot ball has of necessity been the chief topic and "Old Kenyon" has led the van, winning three of the four games of the O. I. A. A., and tying with O. S. U. and Adelbert for first honors. The team has also won all games outside of the league, with the exception of the Oberlin game.

One of the chief social events of the term was the Thanksgiving ball given by the K. M. A. All of the college boys got "in it" and report a most enjoyable time.

Now amid all this prosperity, dear old Theta has caught the spirit and while three years ago only one man kept our festal fires aglow, nine true *Θ* Δs are now grouped about her altars.

From the the Freshman class the following are Theta's initiates: R. S. Means, Kenton, O.; E. R. Wilson, Marion, O.; C. W. Baker, Mt. Vernon, O.; O. A. Knox, Knoxville, Ill.; J. J. McAdoo, North Bloomfield, O. and "ye charge editor." Bros. W. E. & C. H. Grant, M. T. C., and H. C. Wing and L. H. Ingham, our resident members, take a lively interest in our welfare.

Wednesday, November 9th, a Theta reunion was held. All of the active members were present also the resident members, save Prof. Ingham and Bros. S. P. Johnson, '88 and F. E. Curtis, '89 of Washington, D. C. With refreshments, songs, stories and cards the welkin rang as of old.

Bro. Shaffer, '94, one of Theta's most enthusiastic members was obliged to leave Kenyon on account of sickness, and sorry were we to part with him.

We join in wishing all our brothers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and will gladly welcome any who can make us a visit at any time.

Bro. Housten made us a pleasant visit a few weeks ago.

Bro. Will R. McKim, '94, is leader of the church choir, also a member of the Glee Club.

Bros. S. P. Johnson, '88, Treasury Department and F. E. Curtis, '89, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., paid us a jolly visit November 9th.

IOTA.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

In Iota's first letter to the SHIELD she wishes to greet all her sister charges and, as it were, exchange the grip of mutual devotion to $\Theta \Delta X$. She has seen many of you recently, on the occasion of the annual convention and she hopes to see you all when fortune brings you Boston-ward.

We have entered upon the year with prospects brilliant indeed, being especially fortunate in securing a home. But two blocks from the Yard on the corner of Ware St., and Broadway is located an old New England homestead of many gables and piazzas which has been altered bit by bit by a fastidious owner until it seems that his aim from the first was to produce a model home for a small club. In this we are quartered. A large parlor extends from the front of the house back and opens in to the card room by two doorways. Opposite our parlor fireplace opens a doorway into our billiard-room, large and attractive. Across the hall from the parlor, at the left of the entrance, is a writing room, back of that our lodge room, and still further back our kitchen. The second floor we rent. Across the entire front is a broad piazza and also across a part of the back, off of the card room. Our windows can be opened to the floor and when the warm days of summer come we anticipate that our rooms will be the coolest place in Cambridge.

Out of doors we have room for tennis-courts enough for the whole charge to play at once. Opposite our grounds on the Broadway side are the broad lawns of the Cambridge Manual Training School, the Public Library, New Latin School, and Fenton Hall, one of the college dormitories. We have a comfortable home; our next ambition is to own it or a better one.

Six of our '92 graduates are in Cambridge this year. Bros. Costigan and Moore are in the Law School. Bros. Whitte-

more, Day and Wilber are in the graduate school. Bro. Wiggin is business manager of the Harvard Graduates Magazine whose office is in Boston but he rooms at our house and is with us a great deal. Bro. Horne is teaching in Duxbury, Mass. Bro. Shepard is in New York. Bro. Damon is in Philadelphia.

We are proud of the $\Theta \Delta X$ and we are determined that $\Theta \Delta X$ shall be proud of us.

C. H. BECKWITH.

19 Hollis Hall, Dec. 1, 1892.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Iota Deuteron sends greeting to the other charges, with congratulations upon the many reports that we have received of success in beginning the college year. We are heartily glad of the success of the convention and that the prosperity of the fraternity for another year seems so well assured.

The charge has moved into its new quarters on North street just beyond the Greylock hotel. We find our house much more commodious and pleasant than last year, especially as we are enabled to adopt the plan, practiced by most of the fraternities here, of taking our meals at the chapter house. We shall always be glad to receive any of the brothers that come to Williamstown, and have enjoyed brief visits from several this term.

The Association of New England colleges met at Williamstown Nov. 3d. Among the delegates were President Smith of Trinity and President Capen of Tufts, who honored us with a short visit.

Bros. Ringwood, Brohm and Yznaga, of Delta, and Bro. Haight of Pi Deuteron and Delta, came here with the R. P. I. eleven and spent a few hours with the charge. Bro. Hibbard, '92, stayed with us several days at the time of the game with Amherst.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity our recent initiates: Bros. Willard P. Millspaugh, '95, of Rich-

mond, N. Y.; Sylvester C. Deming, '96, of Arlington, Vt.; Clarence J. Russell, '96, of Pittsfield, Mass., and Edmunds Putney, '96, of New York. Bro. Deming is one of the college champions in tennis, and with Bro. Anderson represented Williams in the doubles at New Haven. Bro. Anderson again won first place in the tournament in singles here this fall.

The charge has met with a serious misfortune in the loss of Bro. Ward, '95, who has been compelled by ill health to leave college. We regret his absence very keenly, but are in hopes that he may be able to return next year. Bro. Gilfillan, '93, has been forced to go home for a few weeks on account of an abscess in the throat, but he is getting better rapidly and expects to be back soon.

The college has taken considerable interest in the political campaign this fall. The majority of the students are republicans, with a few democrats and quite a number of prohibitionists. Two campaign clubs were formed, one by the republicans—which procured uniforms of caps and gowns, and took part in several out-of-town parades—and another by the prohibitionists. Of the latter, Bro. Armstrong, '93, was chosen president, and Bro. Towne, '93, one of the vice-presidents.

Bro. Towne has been appointed assistant instructor in the gymnasium. Last year a system of compulsory exercise was successfully instituted as a part of the freshman work, and it is to be continued this year. Bro. Pressey, '93, is assistant in the physical laboratory.

Bro. Huntington, '94, is recording secretary of the College Y. M. C. A., and Bro. Armstrong is chairman on intercollegiate work.

Bro. Collier, '92, and Bros. Armstrong and Pressey, '93, were our delegates to the convention, and report an enthusiastic session and a most enjoyable time.

Bro. Ferry, '91, is conducting the Junior Bible class, which meets Sundays after chapel to study the Life of Christ.

In athletics the charge has been particularly successful. Two of the brothers were on the college eleven, Bro. Sawtelle as centre and right guard, and Bro. Towne as half-back and full-back. In the annual out-door meet of the athletic associa-

tion, Bro. Towne won the running high, the running broad, and the standing broad jumps, and the 120 yard hurdle race, and Bro. Goodrich the 440 yard run.

Williams has been decidedly unfortunate in foot-ball this season; we were defeated by Amherst 60 to 0, and by Dartmouth 24 to 12. A large delegation from Amherst came up to Williamstown for the game Nov. 18th, and we met several Theta Delts among them.

There have been several changes in the faculty this year. Prof. Hewitt has accepted the directorship of the American school at Athens, and Dr. F. G. Allinson takes his place. Dr. G. M. Wahl is the new professor of French and German, and Mr. Elder the instructor in analytical geometry.

The trustees have decided to celebrate the centennial of the college in October of next year, instead of in June, as had been suggested. This is contrary to the expectations of the students, but it is hoped will be more convenient for the alumni.

OLCOTT O. PARTRIDGE.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

How often one hears the fall and winter months denominated as the dreary, melancholy season of the year; yet to me there comes no feeling of sadness then, for I am accustomed to think of the November and December days the recuperative time, the time when nature seems to be silently vitalizing her powers and reinforcing herself for future activity. As in the physical world, so also it is with us in the fraternity world. Surely there is reason for great rejoicing here at Kappa over our recent acquisition from the class of '96. We have what my Japanese friend would call the "first pickings." Ten new men, there are, who have swelled our number to thirty-two, and I feel that every one among them is just the type of man to be influenced for the highest good, by the spirit of Theta Delta Chi. They must be men first and Theta Delts afterwards. We can not remind ourselves too often that no die, however perfect, can stamp gold coin without pure metal. Our initiation ceremony

was held on the 17th of October. From the class of '95 F. E. Thompson was admitted to the fraternity, and from the class of '96, D. B. Haywood, A. K. Hooper, C. G. Jordan, G. C. Pierce, R. W. Pindar, F. W. Keene, H. C. Whitaker, J. W. Knowlton, and R. K. Marvin. Bro. Knowlton is a son of the Hon. Hosea M. Knowlton, Kappa, '67, and Bro. Marvin is a brother of Winthrop L. Marvin, Kappa, '84, and the Rev. T. O. Marvin, '89. After the initiation dinner was served at the American house, Boston.

This neither the time nor the place to say more than a word about the convention, but in greeting and extending a hand of friendliest welcome to the newly chosen officers, Kappa does not forget to express appreciation for those who have served us all so well in times past. Indeed she can not permit Bro. Holmes to rise from the chair of chief executive without laying a tribute of heartfelt regard and high respect at his feet. She has always felt that Bro. Holmes' thorough knowledge of fraternity matters, his good judgment, his clearness of head, and his kind disposition have equipped him unquestionably well to fulfil the duties of president.

I need hardly mention in this letter the recent establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Tufts, for I believe a special notice of that appears elsewhere in the SHIELD. It is significant, however, to note that of the sixteen men, chosen by the charter members to form the chapter, ten were Theta Deltas. Bro. Byron Groce, '67, is chairman of a committee to decide the future policy of the chapter.

The foot-ball season is over and Tufts has made a record of which she and all her friends are justly proud. Bro. Frank and Bro. Clark, both of '95, have been on the 'Varsity eleven. Bro. Clark is our "star" quarter-back, and has done notable work throughout the season. Although he was injured several times, he played in every game and handled the men admirably. His great skill in discovering the weak points in the opponent's line has made him the more valuable. With this record perhaps it is not surprising that Bro. Clark was recently elected captain of the eleven for 1892-93.

If enthusiasm at Tufts could have elected Gen. Benjamin

Harrison, he would certainly be our next president. Bro. J. B. Groce, '93, was secretary of the Tufts College republican club, and together with Bro. Goodrich, '94, and Bro. Barney, '95, he served on the executive committee. Bro. F. W. Keene, '96, was major of the club battallion which marched in the great Boston procession of New England republican college men.

Our glee club received a blow this year from which it can not easily recover, in the loss of Bro. W. S. Hawkins as leader and director. But our loss is Zeta's great gain. However, Bro. C. D. Clark, '95, has done much for the club as manager, and the concerts that the men have already given were successful. Bros. Pierce, Clark, Walker, Keene and Kipp are on the glee club, and Bros. Walker, Kipp and Pierce are also on the mandolin club. Bro. Clark is reader.

Bro. Charles G. Kipp is vice-president of the class of '93. Bro. Stillman Shaw has been chosen class day poet, and Bro. J. B. Groce, prophet.

The business management of the *Tuflonian* has been successful thus far this year in the hands of Bro. H. P. Frank, '95,

Bro. F. E. Kimball, '92, visited the hill immediately after the convention.

Bro. F. D. Lyon whose hip was injured early last fall has been receiving surgical treatment at the Massachusetts General hospital. He is much better, however, and able to leave the hospital.

Bro. A. E. Peterson, instructor at Westbrook seminary, was here during the Thanksgiving recess.

Bro. F. W. Perkins, '91, was re-elected president of the Mathetican society, and at the last meeting Bro. Frank, '95, and Bro. Knowlton, '96, were made members of the society.

Kappa sends warmest Christmas and New Year greetings to all her sister charges.

THOMAS WHITTEMORE.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

We hear much at present of "landslides," but rejoice in the fact that no such calamity has befallen Lambda. She is as

ever, the "G. O. P." of B. U., thoroughly committed unto the cardinal principles of protection, a vigorous foreign policy, and the maintenance of a circulating medium worth its face value and everywhere as good as gold. Permit an incident by way of illustration.

Prof. in "Psycho," (explaining cerebral theory) "Given a force, Θ , in consciousness and the opposing forces Δ [T] Δ below on the threshold of consciousness. Now if the opposition were removed the Deltas could rise," and the appreciative laugh from the class testified indeed that our opponents, the Deltas, were not in it.

College opened this fall September 22nd, and accordingly a day or two before that date the brothers began to assemble. Joyful greetings and the recounting of summer experiences were of course first in order and then we turned our eyes Freshman-ward to discover who among them were worthy to be called.

The yacht sail which has been a feature of former rushing seasons was omitted this year and a reception tendered the Freshmen instead. Bros. C. W. Blackett, '88; H. J. Bickford, '89; "Joe" Brooks, '90 and H. G. Butler, '91, were fortunately able to be present and contributed not a little to the enjoyment of the evening. As to results, suffice it to say that all who were then deemed desirable, viz: L. E. Baldwin, John Mason, J. E. Morrill, R. A. Robbins and John Ryan, in due course of time were pledged and duly initiated. This latter event occurred November 2nd, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies we repaired in a body to the Tremont House, there to complete the evening around the festal board. "Joy was unconfined," though we all slept before morn. Bro. Will Spencer, '93 was master of the feast and called for the following toasts: "The Occasion," J. G. Wyman, '93; "The Rushing Season," J. H. Fuller, '93; "The Initiates" by the initiates; "Our Alumni," G. R. Keene, '86; "Our Sister Charges," W. H. Goodrich of Kappa, and W. H. Wiggin of Iota; "The Grand Lodge," H. J. Bickford, '89; "The N. E. Association," F. W. Adams, ex '92.

This infusion of new life into our meetings has, of course.

given them an added interest both literary and social. Especially pleasing is the warbling of the charge quartet organized by our new accessions, Bros. Baldwin, Morrill and Ryan.

Owing to the zeal and physical endurance of Bro. Van Iderstine a verbatim report of the recent convention was taken so anything in that connection is superfluous further than to express our gratification that its sessions were held in Boston and were thus accessible to all. Lambda's voting contingent consisted of H. J. Bickford, J. G. Wyman and W. F. Rogers.

Athletics have made an unwonted stir at B. U. this fall. First the Freshmen got unto themselves a move and downed the Sophs at every encounter, notably at base ball and cane rush. A foot ball team was then put in the field which did good work considering the disadvantages under which it labored. We hope also to repeat the indoor meeting of two years ago. On these lines Bros. Rogers, '94 and Meredith '95 are prime movers. The latter says: "Look out for us next year, for we will then be in our new gymnasium which is to be second to none in New England and with opportunities for training thus available, athletics will certainly boom!"

In the big republican torchlight procession that occurred in Boston November 3rd, by far the best feature was its college contingent. Harvard, "Tech," Tufts and B. U. turned out over two thousand strong and while our boys were outnumbered by the two first mentioned, we would modestly quote, nevertheless from the Boston *Herald*: "B. U. boys' costumes looked better than any of the other college costumes with their flaring red caps and gowns."

Thursday evening, October 20th, a most enjoyable lecture on "The Real and Ideal Columbus" was given under the auspices of the Historical Club. During the evening a large chorus under the direction of Bro. Will Spencer, '93 rendered the various national hymns. It is rumored that a few of the more musically inclined continued the flow of melody even after "the lights were fled" and all but they departed.

Bro. J. H. Fuller, '93 has been elected president of the Monday club and the club will accordingly have a "Ladies Night" in the near future.

The Philomathean Dramatic Club, October 28th, presented the farce, "Prof. Baxter's Great Invention." Bro. Meredith, '95, assumed the roll of decrepit inventor very acceptably.

The Debating Club which hitherto has been the slowest of all college organizations bids fair this year to outstrip all in enthusiasm. No wonder, with Bros. Pitcher, '93 and Spencer, '93, to discourse music at the various sessions.

The class of '93 has unanimously voted to adopt caps and gowns this year. This will be their first advent into B. U. and will probably establish a precedent for succeeding senior classes.

Again it becomes my sad duty to relate, we have been bereaved of a true and noble brother. On the 24th day of August, Bro. Omar P. Brady, '94, passed away at Depew, N. Y., after an illness of but three days. The news of his death came as a great shock to us all. Bro. Brady ever exerted a marked influence for good. He was a conscientious student, kind to all, ever ready to stand by his convictions, active and efficient in the promotion of the various enterprises of the charge. He was ready likewise, on occasion, for fun and frolic, taking to the sports with zest, but it was only in the quiet of his own room, when confidentially he would reveal some of his joys and sorrows and talk over plans and aspirations for the future that we learned to know something of his inner life and received therefrom an inspiration that will be helpful in the years to come.

Bro. H. J. Bickford, '89, left November 28th for New York to accept a favorable opening that there awaited him. It is hard to lose Bro. Bickford for he has been with us so many years and has always been thoroughly identified with all the interests of the fraternity. To his management more than to anything else has been due the successful maintenance of our charge house.

Bro. J. G. Wyman, '93, is running a branch college book store in Tufts this year. He is also University correspondent for the New York *Tribune*.

Bro. F. B. Kellog, ex '93 is attending Union Theological Seminary.

Bro. Altus Flower, ex '95, has entered the medical school.

Bro. W. F. Rogers, '94, wears the reportorial badge of the *Boston Journal*.

Bro. A. R. Paul, ex '93, is pastor of the M. E. church, North Attleboro, Mass.

Bros. Seth P. Smith, O^a '82, Fuller, '93 and Adams, '94, took a trip to the White Mountains in October. They report that *Θ Δ X* is carved in bold relief on the face of the rocky cliff which overshadows the road as it winds through Crawford notch. Fit emblem of her perpetuity.

We record herewith, in closing, the marriages of C. J. Tuthill, '90, W. F. Gilman, '92; John P. Pillsbury, ex '93. Rumor says this happiness will soon fall to the lot of Bro. A. L. Janes, '89. (All unconfirmed rumors are not received.)

GEO. B. ADAMS.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

Now after all the excitement of the football season this fall, when winter is so close upon us, last Commencement seems a good way off. But we cannot forbear mentioning our '92 brothers whom we miss so much this year. Mu Deuteron was honored in them during their whole course, and more than all last June when four of our eight seniors appeared on the Commencement stage.

With the honors came pleasures too, and Mu Deuteron's home was a scene of gaiety every day and night of Commencement week, with Theta Delt sisters and cousins and aunts to grace and enliven our parlors.

During the summer too our house was enlivened by many a gay scene. The five Theta Delt who were in Amherst during the session of the Summer School made Theta Delta Chi the most popular society in town. Whist and euchre parties, dances and receptions made our parlors a lively place, the centre of social life during the summer.

But we hasten to an even more interesting topic, our fresh-

man delegation. The great and increasing prosperity of the college brought to Amherst this fall the largest class Amherst college has ever had. Of the one hundred and thirty members of '96, Mu Deuteron secured ten good men, the best men in the class, but one of our number H. K. Bruce, who was rooming in the house was obliged to leave college before initiation. We have missed him much.

But on October 14th we welcomed nine new men into the brotherhood.

We welcomed back too, how gladly! a number of our alumni, who added greatly to the delight and profit of the occasion. We had confidently expected to have Brother Seth P. Smith among us, and every one who has seen Brother Smith can realize how sadly we were disappointed that he could not come. Still the spirit of brotherly love made our initiation banquet a most joyous occasion, and that spirit has been knitting us together ever since.

During the fall, even in the midst of the political campaign, Mu Deuteron lived a very peaceful and happy life.

We want to thank Lambda for sending us Bro. Breck, '95. He has proved the jolliest of the jolly, the most brotherly of the brotherly. We hardly know what we could do without him now.

Our freshman delegation have lived up to our expectations. They have proved themselves worthy Theta Deltas.

Brother Jewett started in by taking the Porter Admission prize. Brother Porter is a member of the glee club. Five out of our seven who are taking the classical course, have attained to the "Rank division." In the freshman class elections Bro. Porter was elected college senator and Bro. Jewett class treasurer. In fraternity life too all the freshmen are proving themselves valuable brothers.

Amherst College life and Mu Deuteron's life this fall, would be but meagrely described without some mention of football, Williams and Dartmouth especially, and all the other eastern colleges besides know well what Amherst's champion football team has been this fall. They know that in the championship series Amherst has scored 100 points and her opponents two.

We do not need to expatiate on the achievements of our team. It has brought Amherst a good reputation, and won great honor for itself.

Mu Deuteron too claims her share of the honor and achievement, weak indeed would the team have been without Brother Edgell at centre, Brother Haskell as left guard, and Brother Baldwin as left tackle. Shoulder to shoulder the three brothers fought and held and conquered. Like brothers they worked together side by side. As one man they held, though they fought like three giants. Ever and anon they faced some brother Theta Delt on the field, and while they never failed to fight their best they showed that foes can be brothers.

Brother Edgell, '93, who is a monitor and a $\Phi B K$ man, appeared on the football field for the first time this year. He was at once put on the college eleven, and improved so remarkably that in all the important games of the season he found not his superior as center rush. Bro. Haskell, '94, one of the youngest players and the heaviest man on the team, is the best guard Amherst has ever had. He is a star tackler and all round player. It would be hard to find his equal in any college team. Bro. Baldwin, '94, keeps up the same standard as tackler. He is a brilliant tackler and a fine ground gainer. Mu Deuteron's football delegation was enlarged also by Bro. Penney substitute guard and Bro. Ross substitute tackle.

Our football propensities have brought us in contact with several of the other charges this fall and have strengthened the fraternal feeling.

A. V. WOODWORTH.

NU DEUTERON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The present term has been a prosperous one, and though we have lost several men, yet we have added to our roll the names of as many more. We lost two brothers, Ely and Beaumont by graduation last June, but in the midst of our sorrow at losing them we were cheered by the prospect of having one of them back again. Bro. Ely could not stay away,

so he has accepted a position with the Bethlehem Iron Co., and brings back to us the many happy memories of last term by his occasional visits. We sorely miss Bros. Holcomb, Gessner, Williams and Howard, and hope to have some of them with us again in the near future.

Among the active members, the seniors of course, stay right together, and our two representatives in the Electrical department are neglecting their social duties in order that they may spend all of their time in their "play-house" (the Lab.) or over their books. In fact they are closeted together so continually that we are fearful of some conspiracy and that the time is not far distant when we may all be deluged by some electric current of their invention. Bro. Clift still retains his reputation as the most diligent student in the house, but he has now a close second in Bro. Whitaker, who spares neither time nor labor in his strife to attain a maximum standing. Bro. ("Kid") Post always bobs up serenely with the customary happy smile on his face. We are represented on the Banjo Club by Bros. Powers and Whitaker, and Bro. Schuman our other musician, though his talents are at present hid from the outside world, yet he gives us, at least, the benefit of them. Bros. Kendall and Hutchins are the funny men and keep us in a continual roar of laughter at their jokes, while Bro. Vansant does the heavy thinking and looks after us all in a fatherly way. We take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity the names of our new initiates, Dr. Shober, an instructor in chemistry at the University; Bro. Drake of the sophomore class and Bros. Weaver, Cable, Howard, Russell, Lehman and Richmond of the freshman class. It is needless to say that they are all first class men and what they lack in experience as Theta Delts, they make up for in enthusiasm for they are all thoroughly imbued with the proper fraternal spirit.

Bro. Pettinos of Sigma is engaged in business near Bethlehem and he with Bros. Johnson and Luckenbach favor us with an occasional call. Bro. Deans paid us a flying visit one day last month and later we were agreeably surprised by the appearance of Bros. Morris and Heilig both of '91. Bros. Merrick and McCall of '91 are now with the Thompson Houston Electric Co., at Lynn, Mass.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

Hobart opened this fall with the largest freshman class it has known for many years. We missed the face of Brother Brush, who graduated last June, and of Bros. Blatchley and Boyd, '95, who failed to return. Bro. Brush is working on the Buffalo *Courier*. Bro. Boyd has settled in business in Milwaukee and Blatchley in Elkland, Pa.

Our numbers were not large but the boys came back full of spirit, and we felt confident and strong. We have initiated two men from '96 whom we are proud to own, Bros. Elliott and Richards. Elliott comes to us from Maysville, that mother of Theta Delts, and Richards from Maryland. This is the third successive year that Xi has had the president of the freshman class.

For the last three years Hobart has been quietly training up a football team and this season we have played a few games in which our men have done themselves credit. Xi has four men on the eleven. Bro. Davis is the inspiration of the team and his work has been the most brilliant feature of our games. Bro. Brodhead is manager and has also been elected manager of the base ball nine for next season.

Xi is full of enthusiasm this year and dares to hope for a brilliant future. We have recently bought and set up in our parlors a combination pool and billiard table, which adds very materially to their attractiveness. We would very much enjoy a contest with any brothers who will favor us with a visit.

With most fraternal regards to all.

D. A. PARCE.

 OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The snow begins to drive about the college buildings and sift into the crevices, Grim winter is at hand, the football season is over, and all the sports on the campus have ceased. Now is the time that we gather about the fireplace and spend our leisure hours in friendly chats. Now is the time, particu-

larly here at Dartmouth, where there is no outside attraction, that is especially productive of that fellowship which characterizes the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

We were especially fortunate this year in obtaining a fine delegation of new men. Though smaller than usual its quality will doubtless make up for quantity.

At our initiation October 21st we were pleased to have Bro. Bosworth, of Lambda, and Bro. Griffin, who left us a year ago.

Our initiates are H. Titlow, '93; B. A. Smalley, '94; N. J. Page, '95, and J. W. Edgerly, R. L. Frost, W. L. Harris, R. D. Hazen, H. D. Lakeman, J. F. Ryan, P. Shirley, of '96. Of these Bro. Titlow represented the Ouden on '93's and Bro. Smalley on 94's Ægis board. Bro. Shirley has been elected assistant editor of *The Dartmouth* from '96. Bros. Sullivan and Traver, of the medical college, have been with us this year. Bros. Lewis and Miller were our delegates to the Convention and it is needless for me to say that they were satisfied in every respect. They were more strongly convinced than ever of the merits of Theta Delta Chi and by their reports we were all freshly filled with enthusiasm for our fraternity. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the new President and our many and sincere thanks to Bro. Holmes, who has always been more than ready to work for the fraternity at the cost of his personal interests.

In college work *O*^a keeps up its old standard. She furnished three of the six speeches at the campaign debate, viz.: Bros. Selden, J. H. Bartlett and Smalley.

Bro. Selden is soon to issue a publication termed "Dartmouth Sketches," similar in form to the "Dartmouth Lyrics" issued by Bro. O. S. Davis, '89.

Bro. J. H. Bartlett has made several campaign speeches throughout the state this fall. He is also president of the class of '94.

Bro. Hayes, '95, was winner of the Fall Tennis Tournaments and holds championship of the college.

At the annual fall athletic meet held Oct. fifth and sixth *O*^a showed up remarkably well scoring one fourth the entire number of points. On 'varsity football team she was

represented by Bro. Pollard as regular and Bro. Wilson as substitute. Bros. Lakeman and Harris played on '96 class team. The athletic team begins training Dec. 1st. It will be of about the same makeup as last year with what addition comes from the freshman class. There is good prospect of sending a strong team to Springfield. Spring '93, Bros. Hayes, Lewis, Wilson, Pollard, Smalley, Bugbee and Tarbell will train for the team.

The base ball team has begun work in the cage, nearly all last year's men are still here and '96 will furnish some good material.

The Dartmouth Glee Club is preparing for a trip about the first of January. Bros. Allen, Pollard and Jarvis are our representatives. Bro. Aborn is manager of the Dartmouth Orchestra. He is also the President of the Foot Ball Association.

The term is drawing to a close, a long vacation of four weeks is awaiting us.

I close with O's best wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to every brother.

J. P. GIFFORD.

SIGMA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Our charge editor is away and the duty of writing a charge letter I voluntarily assume, so that we may appear in the next SHIELD.

Sigma lost five of her "old men" last year, and the loss nearly staggered her. A generous inheritance of the necessary *vis viva*, however, enabled us to make the most of a bad matter, and we were soon on our feet.

We have initiated since our last letter Bro. Walter Snyder last June, Bro. Arthur Hepburn, and Bro Hugh Miller, whose father has been a Theta Delt for thirty years. These brothers we introduce to the fraternity at large, and recommend them to your fraternal regard.

We were called on to mourn the loss of one of our most honored members in the death of William Arthur Davis of '87.

A sketch of his life, which appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution* is on another page.

Sigma charge cannot, like her sister charges, present a report of dazzling, bewildering achievement this year, as she has made no bid for preferment in college politics. She has preferred like the Republican party, to *turn the rascals in*.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Theta Delts.

CLARENCE BALENTINE.

TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Our delegates have lately returned from the convention bringing whole wagon loads of enthusiasm, so that they give us all an impetus to do better work for $\Theta \Delta \chi$ than we have done before. We feel that we have lots of work before us and it is of inestimable benefit to us to get, just at this time, such a quickening influence as they have brought with them from the annual gathering. We are just beginning to fully realize what are the responsibilities of fraternity life and it is good that at the same time we should understand something more of its blessings. The present active membership is sixteen, of whom, one is in the medical department, two in the law, and thirteen in the academic department, but within a very few days this number will be very materially increased. The exact number of new men is not yet determined upon but we can promise a treat to the fraternity world of the University such as they have not had since we made our appearance, twenty-five strong. We have a fine fraternity house within a few blocks of the University and have reason to feel quite pleased over the way matters are going. I believe we have one difficulty to surmount which is not met with by eastern charges, and that is, the general ignorance among University people of the high national standing which $\Theta \Delta \chi$ enjoys to-day, but we are meeting and overcoming the obstacle as becomes loyal Theta Delts. We would not exchange our shield for any fraternity emblem in the world and we let the people know it once in a while. Having never been in fraternities

before, we find that we have some things to learn about rushing new men and some other matters, but we try to shoulder the burden like men and are accordingly benefitted and developed thereby. We learn with great pleasure of the rapid growth of our late sister, Iota, of Harvard. It is encouraging to us and has already proved valuable in rushing new men.

The present week marks the beginning of the second college term and all the boys start in fresh and full of vigor. We don't believe in counting chickens before they are hatched, so we will say nothing of all the honors we hope to capture nor of the great things we are going to do in the coming months. The boys are enthusiastic and ambitious and what is unattainable to men of ability thus actuated? In concluding, let me in behalf of T^{Δ} most cordially invite any Theta Delts who may chance to stray so far from home to drop in and see us. We will show you a charge and a college of which none need be ashamed.

W. A. SIMONTON.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The enjoyable convention just passed, the good results of which will doubtless be plainly seen during the coming year under the new administration, is the one topic of interest and discussion among the Phi men at present.

Bro. Chas. Albertson, '93, our ex-corresponding secretary, of whom we are justly proud, and Bro. J. T. Losee, '94, one of Phi's most enthusiastic Theta Delts, were our representatives. Both of them give such glowing reports of "the best convention that has ever been held" that we have each determined to attend the convention in New York next year. So you may expect Phi to be represented by a large delegation of ardent men.

We are now each looking forward to the festivities afforded by Thanksgiving. The majority of the Phi boys will spend that day in New York City in attendance at the foot ball game.

Phi's ship is now manned by sixteen staunch sailors and

each of these jolly tars being experienced in the art of smooth navigation, we have no fear of encountering the worst storms of opposition for we can and will sail through anything.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to the members of *the* fraternity at large, six new members of the Freshman class to whom have been revealed the mysteries of $\theta \lambda \chi$. They are: C. Lobingier, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; F. Ahbe, Newark, N. J.; E. Twitneyer, Honesdale, Pa.; J. H. Slocum, Long Branch, N. J.; H. B. Seymour, Long Branch, N. J.; D. L. Reeves, Cape May, N. J.

They are men who will prove worthy of the honor conferred on them and who already are as enthusiastic as the older members of the charge.

Among the alumni present at the initiation were: Bros. F. W. Stewart, '69; T. K. Reed, '90; W. L. Sanderson, '91; W. A. Jones, '92; and F. O. Nightingale, '94.

We highly esteem the laurels won by our foot ball team this year. Contesting, as we have, only with the larger institutions, the creditable record we have made will take a long time to efface. The low scores we held the University of Pennsylvania down to in both games and received the credit of outplaying them in the public press, in the first game, the shutting out of our rival up the river, Lehigh, in our first game with them, also the snow under we gave to the Orange Athletic Club in her own field, serve to show the strength of our eleven.

Bro. W. A. Jones, '92, manager of last season's eleven, now Athletic Director, is having a remarkably prosperous year, even surpassing his splendid record of last year, for it is under his well-directed management that the team has been so successful financially. Although his duties have called him away much of the time of late, he is a frequent attendant at our meetings. We are represented on our eleven by Bros. Dumont '92, P. G., left end; Robinson '93, right tackle and Voight, '94, quarter back. This season makes Bro. Dumont's fourth year on the team, and he is a valued player.

Bro. Robinson is now the oldest player on the team and receives much deserved credit. Bro. Voight, captain of the eleven and "one of the best and pluckiest quarter-backs playing to-

day," (according to the *Philadelphia Press*) has this year loaded himself with honor and made himself the talk of the hour and the lion among the "fellows."

Indeed the principal part of the success gained by the eleven is accredited to Capt. Voight, for it was noticeable in the first Rutgers game how poorly our men conducted themselves without the cool head, steady hand and good judgment of their captain.

Bro. W. N. Stem, Phi '68 of Philadelphia, honored us with a call recently. At the informal reception and "spread" in our rooms he told us of many pleasant instances of his college days and testified to his never dying love for and confidence in the brethren of Phi.

Bro. R. C. Bryant, '91, has made us two visits during the past term. A call from him always brings sunshine and makes us all feel brighter and by the cordial way in which he is welcomed by all the upper classmen makes us value him still more if possible. "Come again and often Bro. Bryant" echoes from the heart of every brother in Phi.

Bro. E. L. Meyers, Princeton '92, Phi '92, made us a short and welcome call in October. His frequent calls are enjoyed by all for he shows such interest in his "alma mater" charge and constantly emphasizes the loss sustained when on leaving Lafayette, he was necessarily deprived of the pleasures of the mid-week meetings.

Bro. E. A. Loux, now at Princeton Seminary, Phi '92, came to his home at Easton, sick, in October. After an illness of three weeks, we are glad to report that he is again pursuing his studies at Princeton in apparent good health.

Bro. D. L. Hower, Phi '92, Principal of the Honesdale, Pa. High School shows his loyalty to $\Theta \Delta X$ in his correspondence with "our boys." He was the means of pledging one of the best men in the Freshman class.

Bro. Geo. G. Homess '93, made an efficient captain for the College Republican Club.

Now just a word to our Alumni—Could you know how it gladdens our hearts and makes our work lighter to receive a call from one of the old Phi men, I am sure that more of you

would make it a point to call around occasionally and see what kind of fellows your successors are. Call in and see us whenever you are near Easton.

Bro. F. O. Nightingale was in attendance at the recent convention in Boston.

Bro. W. G. Chambers, '94, is now one of the busiest men in the Frat. In the capacity of Business Manager of the "Lafayette" he is a "hustler" and in addition to this arduous task he is doing heavy work on the "Melange," our annual, in the chair of its editor-in-chief. In our rushing this season he has proved an adept.

Bro. O. G. Barker, '95, is now President of the Sophomore class.

Phi wishes to extend her hearty congratulations to all the charges, who we learn through the charge letters have been so successful in their rushing this season.

Bro. Barker our new corresponding secretary will tell the charges the Phi news in his monthly letters.

In concluding my letter let me honestly state that Phi was never on a better footing than she is to-day.

ALBERT F. HOVEY.

CHI.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that I address my first letter to the SHIELD, because I am proud of our charge and satisfied with what we have accomplished in so short a time. Our organization took place so late last year that we had time to make but a few definite plans before we were scattered far and wide for the summer vacation; four never to return as active members, leaving with us but five men to commence the college year. We found that we had our hands full, with furnishing rooms and rushing men, and a thousand and one other things that kept springing up to be done, but we found our alumni ready to lend a helping hand whenever it was possible for them to do so.

We rushed several men, two that we wanted we did not get,

but succeeded in pledging four men: Messrs. Harris, '93, Meyer, '94, Glass and Parker, '96, all good men and now loyal Theta Delts. Our initiatory banquet took place November 4th. We delayed it till that late date only because of the lack of time to prepare for it. It proved a success beyond a doubt, and I think that the large number of alumni present are satisfied that 'New Chi' has good material in it.

Brother Barrett of '92 is studying law in Buffalo, Bro. Sarver of '92 is vice-principal of the school at Palmyra, Bro. Harris of '92 is studying medicine at University of Pennsylvania, Bro. Fleming is studying medicine with Dr. Moore of this city. Of our present members we have one on the senior honor list, two on the junior and one on the sophomore, and we will be sure to be represented on the freshman list when that appears. We have one man on the glee club and Bro. Parker has been urged very hard to join, but has not the time. Bro. Glass of '96 has represented us well on the foot-ball team, having played in every game but one this season.

We are satisfied with our men in every particular and though nine is not so large a number as we wish, yet we prefer to keep our number small rather than to take any doubtful men.

We have fine prospects for the coming year, and will get at least four men from the class of '97.

The rooms which we now occupy are situated on the corner of East avenue and South Union street, and though they are fine rooms and have every convenience, we feel that it is almost imperative that we have a house next year in order to compete on equal footing with the other fraternities here, and as we shall have men enough to put into one so that the expense will be no greater than that which we now sustain, I feel safe in saying that the opening of college next year will find Chi a comfortable house in a good location.

We have had many calls from our alumni in the city and also Bro. C. T. Pearce of Maysville, Kentucky, spent a pleasant evening with us. We are always glad to welcome our brothers.

I have heard that by some of the members of $\theta \chi$ the Chi charge was thought to be a rather weak affair and that it

would not stand long, but let me assure you dear brothers that as long as the gray stones of Sibley hall look down upon the campus, as long as the echo of foot-steps is heard within the precincts of Anderson hall so long shall Chi stand firm.

Yours fraternally,

B. G. ESTES.

NEW INITIATES.

BETA.

- Frederick Anderson Bassette, '96, New Britain, Conn., Oct. 15.
 Carl Dorset Dreier, '96, Oct. 15.
 Willis Henry DeWolfe, '96, New Britain, Conn., Oct. 15.
 Edwin A. Burlingame, '96, Providence, R. I., Nov. 14.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

- Chas. H. Gray, '95, 2208 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill., Oct. 10.
 Frank T. VanTuyt, '95, 136 Selden Ave., Detroit, Mich., Oct. 28.
 Horace H. VanTuyt, '96, 136 Selden Ave., Detroit, Mich., Oct. 28.

DELTA.

- Edwin C. Clark, '96, Waterloo, N. Y., Nov. 1.
 John B. Parr, '96, Leechburg, Pa, Nov. 19.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

- B. F. Mansfield, New Haven, Conn., Oct. 26.
 H. D. Cowee, Troy, N. Y., Oct. 29.
 G. W. Van Slyke, Albany, N. Y., Nov. 21.
 W. H. Van Slyke, Albany, N. Y., Nov. 21.
 C. A. Morrogh, New York City, Nov. 21.
 T. T. Vandergriff, Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 21.
 A. B. Barton, Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 21.
 A. J. Gilmour, Fulton, N. Y., Nov. 21.

ZETA.

- Charles Frederic Deacon, '96, Pawtucket, R. I., Oct. 7.
 William Avery Gaylord, '96, Pawtucket, R. I., Oct. 7.
 Edward Bailey Morse, '96, Grafton Centre, Mass., Oct. 7.
 Edward Stark Parker, '96, Providence, R. I., Oct. 7.
 Edward Sanford Roberts, '96, " " "
 Henry Lawrence Smith, '96, " " "
 Arthur Crowell Stone, '96, " " "

ETA.

- P. Dana, '96, Westbrook, Me., Oct. 7.
 R. Newbegin, '96, Defiance, O., Oct. 7.
 C. M. Brown, '96, Freeport, Me., Oct. 7.
 R. E. Soule, '96, Freeport, Me., Oct. 7.
 A. A. French, '96, Norway, Me., Oct. 7.
 A. G. Hebb, '96, Gilead, Me., Oct. 7.
 W. W. Fogg, '96, Bridgton, Me., Oct. 7.
 C. T. Stone, '96, Bridgton, Me., Oct. 7.

IOTA.

- Herbert Lincoln Flint, '93, Oct. 22.
 John Randall Nichols, '94, Oct. 31.
 William Everett Stark, '95, Oct. 31.
 Willis Lyman, '95, Oct. 31.
 Charles Edward Whitmore, '93, Oct. 31.
 Edwin M. Graves, '94, Needham, Mass., Nov. 14.
 E. R. Coffin, '93, Lynn, Mass., Nov. 14.
 Julio J. Julhe, '95, New York, N. Y., Nov. 28.
 H. C. Low, '93, Salem, Mass., Nov. 28.

IOTA DEUTERON.

- Williard Pierrepont Millspaugh, '95, Richmond, N. Y., Oct. 28.
 Clarence John Russell, '96, Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 28.
 Sylvester Chittenden Deming, '96, Arlington, Vt., Oct. 28.
 Edmunds Putney, '96, New York, N. Y., Nov. 18.

KAPPA.

- Fred E. Thompson, '95, Bangor, Me., Oct. 17.
 Frank W. Keene, '96, Lynn, Mass., Oct. 17.
 Guy C. Pierce, '96, Lowell, Mass., Oct. 17.

KAPPA—CONTINUED.

- Reynold K. Marvin, '96, Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 17.
 Ralph W. Pindar, '96, Lowell, Mass., Oct. 17.
 Henry C. Whitaker, '96, Richmond, Vt., Oct. 17.
 John W. Knowlton, '96, New Bedford, Mass., Oct. 17.
 Daniel B. Hayward, '96, Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 17.
 Charles G. Jordan, '96, East Braintree, Mass., Oct. 17.
 Arthur K. Hooper, '96, Manchester, Mass., Oct. 17.

LAMBDA.

- Raymond A. Robbins, '96, New Bedford, Mass., Nov. 2.
 John T. Ryan, '96, Chepachet, R. I., Nov. 2.
 John Mason, '96, Clinton, Mass., Nov. 2.
 Jeddie A. Morrill, '96, Rochester, N. H., Nov. 2.
 Leon T. Baldwin, '96, Athol, Mass., Nov. 2.

NU DEUTERON.

- Henry F. Russell, '96, Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 7.
 J. George Lehman, '96, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 14.
 Robert B. Cable, '96, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 21.
 Benjamin I. Drake, '95, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 21.
 W. B. Shober, (Instructor) Cumberland, Md., Oct. 28.

PI DEUTERON.

- Joseph A. Dwyer, '96, 430 W. 147th St., New York, Oct. 14.
 Stephen P. Anderton, '96, 257 W. 110th St., New York, Oct. 14.
 Frank A. Adams, '96, 79 W. 91st St., New York, Oct. 14.

PHI.

- J. Howard Slocum, '96, Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 26.
 D. LeRoy Reeves, '96, Cape May City, N. J., Oct. 26.
 Hugh B. Seymour, '96, Long Branch City, N. J., Oct. 26.
 Edwin B. Twitmeyer, '96, Honesdale, Pa., Oct. 26.

CHI.

- William A. Harris, '93, Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 3.
 David G. Meyer, '94, Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 3.
 Walter M. Glass, '96, Coldwater, N. Y., Nov. 3.
 Charles E. Parker, '96, Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 3.

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